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THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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The CENTRE REPORTER, with this issue, enters its 61 year—having been founded in 1827.

We can scan the past with pride. The REPORTER has a record of usefulness behind it; stamping its influence for good within our valley and county upon enterprise, improvement and the cause of education as well as in the field of pure politics—leaving us the proud consciousness that our efforts in striving to accomplish something for the general good, have not been in vain. It is an additional source of pleasure that in the record of the REPORTER there is not a single blemish, and that the closest scrutiny will fail to detect one dark spot. Always consistent and unselfish in its devotion to the success of the Democracy—true amid defeat and success, and in the dark hours of the party most fervent in its devotion.

In exposing what was wrong in men and measures we obeyed a sacred duty—regard for Right left us no other course. We know that in pursuing the above course we have incurred the bitterest hostility of men whose morals both private and political, are not, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion, and those who could not prostitute us have striven with ill success to injure and ruin us. All threats and efforts, in this direction, have failed to make us swerve from the path of duty, and the REPORTER will go on in the same path hereafter, and those who would block its way because of its fearless advocacy of what is just and right, will find a slim harvest from their sowing. The masses of the people are honest and will stand by an honest and fearless journal. This has been our experience for near 40 years.

The REPORTER will aim to preserve its good name and to deserve the support of the reading public, regardless of the ill-will and threats of such as can see no good in an independent and fearless journal, because it does not serve their selfish purposes.

A Happy New Year to all our readers

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The teachers' institute, as usual, under Prof. Wolf, was a decided success, and an interesting and profitable affair, for teachers and the public.

Of the 246 teachers at present employed in the county only thirteen have not enrolled, though some of these have been present at one or more sessions. The instructors and did excellent work, and so great was the popular interest that of ten a half hour before the opening of the exercises the spacious room was filled. The state superintendent, Dr. E. E. Higbee electrified the people by his appeals for a stronger interest in the common schools, such an interest as will bring them in educating power up to the best homes of the community. Then the practical talks of Superintendent R. M. McNeal, of Dauphin county, have pressed home some thoughts bound to bring improvements. While with equal earnestness Professor Dick, of the Central Normal, Professor Dietrick, Professor Swigart, of Huntingdon, have given daily instructions in practical and progressive methods in teaching the common school branches. Professor Heston came down from the State College and gave two earnest talks on civics, and the "Duties of Citizenship." Tuesday Henry Firth Wood showed his superior ability as an elocutionist in his racy and humorous lecture, "The Growth of the Bald Spot." On Wednesday Lee L. Grumbine Esq., of Lebanon, gave a very scholarly address on the "Provincialisms of the Dutch Districts of Pennsylvania." The address was well received, and the "honest Dutch," by whom Centre county is largely populated, were much delighted with the readings from Dr. Harbaugh's poems in Pennsylvania Dutch. On Thursday evening S. T. Ford gave an exhibition of his abilities as a reader and a reciter. the large and enthusiastic audience speaks to his praise. The teachers of Centre county are active and eager to advance and in Supt. D. M. Wolf they have a leader who is in all respects scholarly, and in all things an earnest Christian man.

Quay says Cameron is not a candidate for President. Quay says many things which he don't mean—he fishes for gudgeons.

The trial of Johnson implicated in the Calvey murder, is now going on at Lock Haven.

APPOINTMENTS.

Sheriff Cook has appointed W. F. Reeder as his attorney. This is a creditable appoinment, Mr. Reeder stands high at our bar

The commissioners have selected Charles Hewes, for attorney—Messrs. Decker and Fiedler voting for Hewes. The board will have a good and safe adviser, as Mr. Hewes is one of the rising young lawyers at our bar.

On commissioners' clerk there was a dead lock up to Monday night. Each of the commissioners voting for his own candidate. On Monday evening a compromise was reached between Decker and Henderson, by which Henderson chose the clerk W. R. Mattern and Decker the attorney, Charles Hewes—and the county was safe.

John D. Decker, was honored with the presidency of the board, which position he will fill with credit, and rap the gavel when Henderson and Fiedler make too much noise. A Happy New Year to the new board.

ATLANTIC IN MIDWINTER.

The hoarse roar of the surf dashing upon the smooth sand, the sighing of the wind as it eddies through tenantless booths and pavilions, and the quick step of the pedestrian along an almost deserted plank-walk—these are the sounds that distinguish the Atlantic City of December from the great playground of July. The shrill music of merry-go-rounds, the loud calls of hurried waiters as they rush to and fro bearing cooling beverages, the appeals of dealers in sea shells, the cries of children at play, and the surge of crowds—these are the sounds that are now remembered as but an echo of the past season, and they are thought of only as what will be heard in the dog days of 1888.

Those who have visited Atlantic City only in the summer have seen but half its beauties. They have seen swarms of people on the beach and in the streets, the hotel parlors, billiard rooms and corridors crowded with cots, a stir and a bustle everywhere, and several thousand men and women bathing, moving, talking all day, and hugging the delusion that they are getting a well earned rest. All this is changed in December. There are few on the beach, and abundant room in the hotels for all who may come, and those who are able to take a few days from business and in the salt air at Atlantic City derive more benefit from a brief stay in the winter than in a fortnight's sojourn in the hot days of summer.

To call Atlantic City a summer resort does not cover the ground. Many of the hotels, and all of the best ones, are open the year round. This fashion was set about ten years ago by the proprietor of the Hotel Brighton, and has been kept by him ever since and copied by most of his neighbors. The experiment has proved a perfect success, and to many people the charms of Atlantic City in the winter are more attractive than the allurements of sea bathing and music in the summer.

The hotel accommodations are excellent. At the Brighton, which is regarded as in many respects the best-appointed house on the coast, there is every convenience for making life pleasant, known to the guild of hotel keepers. The proprietor was the pioneer in the winter business, and he has led from the first. The house is comfortable, the apartments roomy, the attendants well trained, and the cuisine of the best. There are other hotels open, some of them very good, none of them poor, but the Brighton is generally considered about the best.

There are ample railroad facilities for reaching Atlantic City. Fast express trains with parlor cars attached are run over the West Jersey and Camden and Atlantic railroads, covering the distance from the Delaware river to the sea in ninety minutes. The traveler enjoys a pleasant ride across the Jersey fields and through the pine forests, until at last he alights in the long depot, to hear the roar of old ocean sounding in his ears, and to draw into his lungs the bracing salt atmosphere that has crossed a dozen currents since it passed over the gulf stream, sixty five miles away.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 22d, 1887

KEEPING SCHOOL WITHOUT PUPILS.

Wilkesbarre, Jan. 3.—A peculiar state of affairs exists in the East Haven School. Miss Caffray was appointed teacher in September. The people of the district objected to a change, as the previous teacher was very popular. Since then they have refused to send their children to school. For three months Miss Caffray has kept the schools open, but had no pupils. During the last month one boy, 4 years of age, has attended, and now complaint is made to the directors that the boy is under age and his removal is demandad.

W S. Linscott, Niles, Ohio, had scrofula for thirty years, and "Dr Lindsey's Blood Searcher" cured him. Isn't it wonderful? Jan. 4

The year 1888 opens for the Centre county Democracy anything but flatteringly.

A Republican congressman.
A Republican court.
A Republicon sheriff.
A Republican treasurer.
A Republican recorder.
A Republican board of commissioners.

Will Democrats call a halt upon this sad picture?

Let us wear crape one year only and then throw it off.

Some Democrats, a year ago, out of dis appointment, very foolishly, raised the false cry of "ring" against their own party. This cry, last fall, was taken up by the Republicans, and the effect of the two was that by this cry of "ring" some Democrats got their necks wrung—hoisted by their own petard.

Let wisdom be learned from this.

A RAILROAD CONDUCTOR'S STUPIDITY CAUSES A BAD WRECK.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 1.—By a collision on the Cincinnatti Southern railroad yesterday, Lee Witherow and Lawrence Callan, baggagemasters; James Severans, postal clerk; T. Candee, fireman; W. B. Powell, express messenger, and Miss Jissie Green, were killed. Mr. and Mrs. Avery and J. R. Gibson, will probably die. Besides these eighteen others were more or lese injured, Conductor Schrom internally, Pat Saylor, engineer, suffering from contusion, badly hurt, and J. C Church, badly scalded. None of the others are thought to be seriously hurt. It is reported that a unknown passenger was burned to death in the water closet of one of the cars which was burned The collision was caused by Conductor Schrom misreading his orders. He mistook Smmit for Somerset, and hurried his train down grade at fifty miles an hour to make that point, probably running at that rate when the collision occured.

THE COAL STRIKE BEGUN.

NEARLY ALL OF THE READING COMPANY'S MINERS GO OUT.

Pottsville, Jan. 3.—The gigantic struggle has begun. The Schuylkill region miners are out and will not return until their demands have been acceeded to. They number 30,000, and added to the 20,000 miners who are out in the Lehigh region present an army which they claim is invincible.

Why they are out is a question upon which there seems to be some doubt. The leaders of the strikers on the Reading Railroad claim that the miners have struck to sustain organized labor. On the other hand, the miners' leaders say it is simply a question of wages.

Ex-Governor Curtin, who has been spending the holidays in this city, is going back to his quiet Bellefonte home this morning on the 11 o'clock train. The old war Governor is growing a moustache, which is as white as snow. It changes his features somewhat and hides the firm mouth that has a habit of breaking into a broad grin every time he hears a good story. A friend of his said last night: "When the governor smiles it's like a rainbow after a thunder storm." The ex-Governor is one of the best story tellers that make the Hotel Lafayette their headquarters, and whenever he settles down after a good dinner in an easy chair in the smoking room to smoke his cigar there is soon a little party gathered about him listening to his recollections of men he has met in his long public career.—*Phila Times.*

From the number of caves that are reported to have been discovered of late in Kentucky, it is evident that either the bottom has fallen out of that State or else the liar crop is larger than usual down there.

The death of a woman in Reading, Pa., possessed of nearly a million, alone in her splended residence without a friend in the world, is another instance that riches do not always bring happiness.

We have not yet heard of a case of colds, coughs, throat, or chest complaint that has not yielded to "Dr. Sellers' Cough Syrup." Jan.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Hon. A. O. Furst, President of the Court of Common Pleas of the 49th Judicial District, consisting of the counties of Centre and Huntingdon, and the Hon. Chester Munson and the Hon. Daniel Rhoads Associate Judges in Centre county, having issued their precept, bearing date the 27th day of Dec., 1887, to me directed, for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace in Bellefonte, for the county of Centre, and to commence on the 4th Monday of Jan being the 23rd day of Jan 1888, and to continue two weeks. Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the said, with their records, inquisitions, examinations, and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Bellefonte, the 2nd day of Jan., in the year of our Lord 1888, and the one hundred and twelfth year of the Independence of the United States.

ROBERT COOK, Sheriff.

—Piles of new overcoats have been opened up at the Philad. Branch, and are going like hot cakes. A large stock always on hand—as fast as they go new ones take their place.

ALL MINERS ORDERED OUT

THEY WILL NOT SUBMIT TO THE 8 PER CENT. REDUCTION.

A General Strike Imminent Throughout the Anthracite Region—Non-Union Men Guarded by the Police.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 3.—Branches and main line continue working with daily increasing force. The strikers' forces have only been augmented by the non-appearance at work of several crews yesterday at Tamaqua. The railroad is now running nearly full-handed, inconvenience and delays only resulting from the green hands.

The Executive Committee of the Knights of Labor and the Amalgamated Association have been in joint session all day. Messengers and telegrams were numerous, sending orders in all directions. Telegrams and written communication were early sent to President Corbin, to which no replies have yet been received. Congressman Brumm and ex-Deputy District Attorney Wilhelm, leaders of the political wing of the Labor party, were closeted several hours with Lee, Benzman, and other labor officials. They strongly conseled against the strike, but were told they didn't know the inside workings.

Secretary Benzman was busy gathering evidence for the proposed suit against the telegraph company for twenty-nine hours' delay in delivering a strike message last week; also refusal to sell tickets at Palo Alto to strikers. Special efforts have been made by the railroad company over the holiday suspension to fill all the colliery sidings with empty cars, consequently few of the collieries can give the excuse of lack of cars for idleness to-day.

Everything is expectancy here. No positive information of Tuesday's doings can be learned. Summed up the situation is: Labor leaders have ordered a full strike for to-day of all Schuylkill miners except pump men and those engaged in dead work. The question is, will the miners obey the leaders? To-day alone can answer this.

At 10 o'clock last night, Chairman Lee said that the strike was on and not a company colliery will be working to-day. "A few individuals," said he, "have offered to give us the advance, but they dare not ship by the Reading or Lehigh roads. This only leaves them the Pennsylvania, with which line, however, scarcely any have connection. I leave at noon to-day for Scranton, to have a conference with Powderly by special arrangement. A mass meeting of 1,500 miners at Mount Carmel decided not to mine a pound of coal unless we get the advance, and further no shipments in any event on scab railroads. The railroad and mines' interests are now as solid as a rock."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 3.—The Reading Railroad officials have good cause to give the new year a hearty welcome. It has been a God-send to them. It has given them a good chance to finish up all the accumulated work of the week and enabled them to meet the coming week of trouble with clear hands.

At every station in this city yesterday morning, excepting Third and Berks streets, the force of new men were at work cleaning up and doing such work as has been left undone during the week.

READING, Pa., Jan. 3.—The Reading Railroad Company handled on its main line during Sunday and Sunday night, 3,172 loaded and 3,073 light coal cars, besides 1,242 loaded freight cars. Trains are all moving slowly. This virtually cleans out the coal regions of all loaded coal cars, and from now on the shipments will be very light. President Anthony Lally of the Miners' and Laborers' Amalgamated Association, says all miners will strike today. The feeling throughout Schuylkill county is decidedly gloomy, and coal is getting scarce everywhere. There is only about 5,000 tons in stock here.

Reports received from Mahanoy City, Mahanoy Plane, Gordon and Shamokin yesterday morning, says the situation is unchanged. Strikers are getting ugly at Gordon, Mahanoy Plane and Shamokin. The non-union hands are being guarded by the company's police force. There has been considerable stone throwing in the vicinity of Locust Summit, but no one has been injured.

The strike is not over by any means, and serious trouble is not unlikely before many days. The striker's places at Cressona were promptly filled.

TOO MUCH DYNAMITE.

Bank Burglars Overdo the Thing and Lose $50,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—A daring attempt to blow up and rob the Drovers' National Bank at the stock yards was made early on Sunday morning. The vaults contained at the time about $50,000, and only want of courage at the critical moment prevented the intending robbers from becoming possessed of the entire sum.

Four men were engaged in the job and too much dynamite was used, and the knob of the safe door was blown to atoms and the indicator broken. This checked the progress of the cracksmen and after trying to force back the bolts with a jack-screw and also to batter in the door with sledge hammers, they became alarmed and fled.

They left their lanterns, candles, powder and a lot of dynamite behind them.

Young Shreeve is Released.

CAMDEN, N. J. Jan. 3.—Samuel Shreeve, a young lawyer, who for the past five months has been in jail was released yesterday. Shreeve was arrested in August as a delinquent debtor, his uncle having charged him with appropriating to his own use $29,000 intrusted to him for investment. Shreeve confessed judgment and by reason of the complainant's failing to dissent, he secured his liberty.

Mr. Russell's Generous Gift.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The Mayor of Cambridge, Mass., read yesterday before the city government in convention a letter from Hon. William E. Russell of Los Angeles, Cal., promising to devote $200,000 to defray all expenses incidental to his promised gift of a city hall to Cambridge, provided the conditions of the gift are complied with.

To Look After Eastern Glassworkers.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 3.—President William Smith of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, has left for New York to look after the strike of glass workers in the East.

LOCAL SQUIBS.

—Sleigh bells at Boozer's harness rooms from $1.25 up.

—Fred Decker and Wm. Beck, of Harris, favored our sanctum with a call.

—Rev. Lenhart, Lutheran pastor at Rebersburg, has moved into the new parsonage.

—Our old bachelors are afraid to go out at nights for fear that some one will steal them.

—Mr. Emanuel Smith, an aged citizen of our town, is seriously ill and it is feared near his end.

—Miss Anna Dinges, of Williamsport, spent several days of last week, at her home, in this place.

—Musical conventions, public sales, and sleighing parties will be the chief attractions from now on until spring.

—Old maid, it is 1888 and if you don't make a leap, you will have to sit four years longer in cussed singleness.

—Byron Garis while handling ice at the Stone Mill dam this week, was unfortunate in having a heavy piece fall and crush his left foot.

—We publish the confession of Lute Shafer—it is a horrible story of fiendishness. If he tells a true story, Johnson is the actual murderer and Shafer an accomplice.

—Steady employment during the Fall and winter on salary is offered in another column by the VanDusens of Geneva. They are an old and reliable firm. jan5-4t

—A Leap Year party from Centre Hall is on the tapis. We always did think that Centre Hall girls had more sand than the young men of the town. Go it girls, you get a chance once every four years.

—Several communications have been crowded out this issue for want of space and on account of the late hour they were handed in. Never wait until the eleventh hour to have an article inserted in a paper.

—When you want a good winter suit made to order try Fleming, the tailor, Bellefonte. Heavy winter overcoats in the latest styles and finished with the best trimmings are all the go. Let Fleming take your order.

—Where do you get your clothing and what must you pay for them? is a very frequent question asked. Try Fleming, the tailor, Bellefonte, as he keeps up with the styles; can give you a good fit and his prices always the most reasonable.

—Please call and examine our large stock of cloths and cassimeres suitable for any garment in men's wear—a full assortment of overcoats "READY MADE." The largest line of hats, caps and furnishing goods in the county—all work guaranteed to fit or no sale.

MONTGOMERY & Co.
Brockerhoff Row & Humes Block.

—The shooting exhibition by C. K. Sober, is considered the finest display of marksmanship ever seen in this section, and we doubt if any one can equal him in fancy shooting. Mr. Sober promised to give another exhibition at this place in the near future, and we can add that a large audience will be on hand to see him handle his gun.

—We hear that hunters on the other side of the valley have taken advantage of the game laws and killed three deer out of season. It comes as a rumor and if there is any truth in the report we hope the offending parties will receive the full penalty of the law. There are plenty of old hunters who will furnish the necessary wherewith to prosecute such fellows.

—Sam. Lewins, of the Philad Branch, is busy day and evening waiting on customers. They are after clothing, and know they will get just what they ask for and at the lowest figures. The tailoring establishment is in full blast employing a large force to keep up with the orders. If he can't suit you in ready made goods, his tailor is ready to fit you with a first class suit. Give this establishment a call if in need of anything in the line of clothing.

—On Tuesday of last week brakeman Barnhart of the freight train had a narrow escape from death at Mifflinburg. Whilst on duty he fell under the train, which was in motion, when, by great presence of mind, he caught hold of the timbers, which saved him from being crushed to death. As it was, he was dragged some distance ere the train was stopped, sustaining some severe bruises. Same evening he was conveyed by train to his home in Sunbury.

Having added to our stock of material we are ready to do poster work, at low rates; Sale bills, large ½ sheet $1.25; and ¼ sheet, $1.00. All poster work in same proportion. Envelopes at $1 75 per 1000 Bill heads and statements $1.75 per 1000. Cash to accompany order.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Dr. Ard, of Woodward, and other physicians in the eastern end of the valley, are curing rheumatism by the use of oil of winter green, which is administered internally. This is a recent discovery of Dr. Ard's, as we are informed, and the remedy has proven a certain cure in a number of cases treated by him and other physicians who have administered oil to rheumatic patients.

DEEP SEA WONDERS exist in thousands of forms, but are surpassed by the marvels of invention. Those who are in need of profitable work that can be done while living at home should at once send their address to Hallett & Co., Portland, Maine, and receive free, full information how either sex, of all ages, can earn from $5 to $25 per day and upwards wherever they live. You are started free. Capital not required. Some have made over $50 in a single day at this work. All succeed. 1y

INVENTION has revolutionized the world during the last half century. Not least among the wonders of inventive progress is a method and system of work that can be performed all over the country without separating the workers from their homes. Pay liberal; any one can do the work, either sex, young or old; no special ability required. Capital not needed; you are started free. Cut this out and return to us and we will send you free, something of great value and importance to you, that will start you in business, which will bring you in more money right away, than anything else in the world. Grand outfit free. Address TRUE & Co., Augusta, Maine. 1y

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLEVELAND RECEIVE.

They Shake the Hands of Five Thousand People—The Diplomatic Corps in Brilliant Court Address.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The capital had a happy New Year's yesterday. The weather was exceedingly pleasant; the sun shone brightly all day and the air was both mild and exhilarating.

The custom of making calls may have died out elsewhere but it retains here and was very generally observed. The day opened socially with the President's reception at the White House, and it is universally conceded that it was one of the most brilliant and perfectly ordered ever held.

The guests were so divided that there was no crowding, and the rooms were at all times comfortable. The reception rooms were decorated with flowers and plants and lighted with sunshine and gas that made prisms of color of the glass pendants.

The blue room or reception chamber was most elaborately decorated with flowers. The new plush covers on the furniture gave it a luxurious effect. The mantels were banked with pots of primroses, tulips and poinsetta, while the fringes of long grass were set with great white camillias. On each mantel were tall gold vases of mixed blossoms. In the window recesses were tall ferns and poinsetta trees in full bloom.

The center divan had a bouquet of begonias, tulips and daisies to crown its center post. The chandeliers were festooned with garlands of smilax. The other rooms were set with green palms and ferns in all available niches and corners and on some of the mantels were gold wickered pots of primroses. The decorations for the day were extremely simple compared with the adornments of other years. The change was a pleasant one, as there is so much that is more interesting than flowers to look at the White House.

When the Marine Band struck up "Hail to the Chief" the Presidential party entered. The President had Miss Bayard on his arm, Secretary Bayard escorted Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary Fairchild accompanied Mrs. Whitney, Secretary Endicott Mrs. Fairchild, and Secretary Whitney and Postmaster Vilas and Private Secretary Lamont formed the rear guard. The gentlemen escorted the ladies to their places in line.

The President wore a Prince Albert coat, buttoned, a high cut waistcoat and a black tie.

There were but four ladies in line. Miss Bayard had the place of honor at Mrs. Cleveland's side; next to her stood Mrs. Fairchild, and Mrs. Whitney stood at the end.

Mrs. Cleveland wore a princess dress of olive green plush trained and cut pompadour at the neck. The skirt was gathered full at the waist and the rich train of plush was without a single break. On either side and to the front were up and down stripes of ecru. Etruscan silk lace was the only trimming upon the skirt. The same lace was used to edge the square neck, for epaulettes upon the shoulders and down the elbo sleeves and for cuffs turned back at the elbow and down the front of the bodice on either side of the fastenings.

Her right hand was bared, and on her arms were gold bracelets. In the lace on the side of her corsage was a coil of gold wire. On her left hand was a gray white glove, and she held a closed fan. In her hair, which was in a clyte knot, was arranged a diamond necklace, caught with diamond stars. Her neck was without ornaments. Outling the waist was a white silk cord, knotted in front, and falling almost to her toes, ending in two tassels. Her slippers were bronze patent leather, embroidered with bronze beads.

As soon as the President's party took their places the diplomatic corps, in their picturesque and glittering uniforms, entered. They were followed by the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Court of Claims and the Judges of the District Court.

After the judiciary had been received the Senators and Representatives were presented. Among the Senators present were Messrs. Sherman, Hawley, Ingalls, Cockerell, Dolph, Stewart and Morrill.

The officers of the army and navy, led by General Sheridan, came next, and then the officers of the several departments.

The President received in the blue room, and his guests pass ed on to the east room, and there met and mingled in the soft, changing lights of the sun and chandeliers. The spectacle was one one of rare beauty.

After the official people had departed the Associated Veterans of the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, called and after them there marched in 325 Grand Army Men.

The number of people who visited the White House yesterday is estimated at 5,000. The reception there closed at two o'clock, and at the same hour the ladies of the Cabinet were at home, and calling became general.

Mrs. Whitney's reception was very largely attended. She was assisted by the wives and daughters of the bureau chiefs of the navy.

Another popular calling place was the parlor of Mrs. Carlisle, wife of the Speaker, who had with her Mrs. James E. Campbell of Ohio, Mrs. Morrison of Illinois, Mrs. Breckenbridge of Kentucky, Mrs. McDonald of Indiana, Miss Breckenbridge, Miss Queen, Miss Hand and Miss Morgan.

Murdered and Robbed.

LONG BRANCH, Jan. 3.—Robert Hamilton, fifty years of age, was fatally assaulted and robbed early Sunday morning. He was found in an outhouse on the premises of William Bennett, on Morris avenue. He died Sunday evening without regaining consciousness. Hamilton, who for over twenty years has been in the employ of J. Drexel, the Philadelphia banker, had been taking care of his summer residence on Ocean avenue. He was returning home from a house of festivity where he had been drinking and had displayed his money amounting to thirty dollars, to his companions and friends. He was robbed of the money and a gold watch. The timepiece was a testimonial for his faithful services given him by his employer. Mr. Drexel offers one thousand dollars reward for the arrest of the murderers, and this amount is supplemented by a reward of two hundred and fifty dollars offered by the Tutolas Club of Long Branch. The most intense excitement prevails here over the dastardly crime.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

Recreations Good and Bad.

"They that use this world as not abusing it." 1 Cor. 7 : 31.

"And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, call for Samson, that he may make us sport." Judges 16 : 25.

WE are entering the gayest season of the year. The winter opens before us the gates of a thousand amusements, some of them good and some bad. One of my texts will show you that amusements may be destructive; my other text will show you that amusements may be under the Divine blessing and direction.

There were three thousand persons assembled in the temple of Dagon. They had come to make sport of eyeless Samson. They were all ready for the entertainment. They began to clap and pound, impatient for the amusement to begin, and they cried, "Fetch him out, fetch him out!" Yonder I see

THE BLIND OLD GIANT

coming, led by the hand of a child into the very midst of the temple. At his first appearance there goes up a shout of laughter and derision. The blind old giant pretends he is tired, and wants to rest himself against the pillars of the house; so he says to the lad who leads him, "Show me where the main pillars are!" The lad does so. Then the strong man puts his right hand on one pillar and his left hand on another pillar, and with the mightiest push that mortal ever made, throws himself forward until the whole house comes down in thunderous crash, grinding the audience like grapes in a wine-press. "And so it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made them sport."

In other words, there are amusements that are destructive, and bring down disaster and death upon the heads of those who practice them. While they laugh and cheer, they die. The three thousand who perished that day in Gaza, are as nothing compared with the tens of thousands who have been destroyed by sinful amusements.

But the other text implies that there is

A LAWFUL USE OF THE WORLD,

as well as an unlawful abuse of it, and the difference between the man Christian and the man un-Christian is, that in the former case the man masters the world, while in the latter case the world masters him. For whom did God make this grand and beautiful world? For whom this wonderful expenditure of color, this gracefulness of line, this mosaic of the ground, this fresco of the sky, this glowing fruitage of orchard and vineyard this full orchestra of the tempest, in which the tree branches flute, and the winds trumpet, and the thunders drum, and all the splendors of earth and sky come clashing their cymbals? For whom did God spring the arched bridge of colors resting upon buttresses of broken storm-cloud? For whom did He gather the upholstery of fire around the windows of the setting sun? For all men, but more especially for His own dear children.

THE HEIRS OF THE WORLD.

If you build a large mansion, and spread a great feast after it, to celebrate the completion of the structure, do you allow strangers to come in and occupy the place, while you thrust your own children in the kitchen, or the barn, or the fields? Oh, no! You say, "I am very glad to see strangers in my mansion, but my own sons and daughters shall have the first right there." Now, God has built this grand mansion of a world, and He has spread a glorious feast in it, and while those who are strangers to His grace may come in, I think that God especially intends to give the advantage to His own children—those who are the sons and the daughters of the Lord Almighty, those who through grace can look up and say, "Abba, Father." You cannot make me believe that God gives more advantages to the world than He gives to the Church bought by His own blood. If, therefore, people of the world have looked with dolorous sympathy upon those who make profession of religion, and have said, "Those new converts are going down into privation and into hardship. Why did they not tarry a little longer in the world, and have some of its enjoyments and amusements and recreations?"—I say to such men of the world, "You are greatly mistaken;" and before I get through I will show that those people who stay out of the kingdom of God have the hardships and self-denials, while those who come in have the joys and satisfactions.

This morning, in the name of the King of heaven and earth, I serve

A WRIT OF EJECTMENT

upon all the sinful and polluted who have squatted on the domain of earthly pleasure as though it belonged to them, while I claim, in behalf of the good and the pure and the true, the eternal inheritence which God has given them. Hitherto, Christian philanthropists, clerical and lay, have busied themselves chiefly in denouncing sinful recreations; but I feel we have no right to stand before men and women in whose hearts there is a desire for recreation amounting to positive necessity, denouncing this and that and the other thing, when we do not propose to give them something better. God helping me this morning, and with reference to my last account, I shall enter upon a sphere not usual in sermonizing, but a subject which I think ought to be presented at this time. I propose now to lay before you some of the recreations which are not only innocent, but positively helpful and advantageous.

MUSIC.

In the first place, I commend, among indoor recreations, music—vocal and instrumental. Among the first things created was the bird, so that the earth might have music at the start. This world, which began with so sweet a serenade, is finally to be demolished amidst the ringing blast of the archangel's trumpet, so that as there was music at the start, there shall be music at the close. While this heavenly art has often been dragged into the uses of superstition and dissipation, we all know it may be the means of high moral culture. Oh, it is a grand thing to have our children brought up amidst the sound of cultured voices, and amidst the melody of musical instruments.

There is in this art an indescribable fascination for the household. Let all those families who have the means to afford it, have flute, or harp, or piano, or organ. As soon as the hand is large enough to compass the keys, teach it how to pick out the melody. Let all

OUR YOUNG MEN

try this heavenly art upon their nature. Those who have gone into it fully have found in it illimitable recreation and amusement. Dark days, stormy nights, seasons of sickness, business disasters, will do little toward depressing the soul which can gallop off over musical keys, or soar in jubilant lay. It will cure pain. It will rest fatigue. It will quell passion. It will revive health. It will recalm dissipation. It will strengthen the immortal soul. In the battle of Waterloo, Wellington saw that the Highlanders were falling back. He said, "What is the matter there?' He was told that the band of music had ceased playing, and he called up the pipers and ordered them to strike up an inspiriting air; and no sooner did they strike the air than the Highlanders were rallied, and helped to win the day. Oh, ye who have been routed in the conflicts of life, try by the force of music to

RALLY YOUR SCATTERED BATTALIONS.

I am glad to know that in our great cities there is hardly a night in which there are not concerts, where, with the best musical instruments and the sweetest voices, people may find entertainment. Patronize such entertainments when they are afforded you. Buy season tickets, if you can, for the "Philharmonic" and the "Handel and Haydn" societies. Feel that the dollar and a half or two dollars that you spend for the purpose of hearing an artist play or sing is a profitable investment. Let your Steinway Halls and your Academies of Music roar with the acclamations of appreciative audience assembled at the concert or the Oratorio.

Still further: I commend, as worthy of their support,

THE GYMNASIUM.

This institution is gaining in favor every year, and I know of nothing more free from dissipation, or more calculated to recuperate the physical and mental energies. While there are a good many people who have employed this institution, there is a vast number who are ignorant of its excellences. There are men with cramped chests and weak sides and despondent spirits who through the gymnasium might be roused up to exuberance and exhilaration of life. There are many Christian people despondent from year to year, who might, through such an institution, be benefited in their spiritual relations. There are Christian people who seem to think that it is a good sign to be poorly; and because Richard Baxter and Robert Hall were invalids, they think that by the same sickliness they may come to the same grandeur of character. I want to tell the Christian people of my congregation that God will hold you responsible for your invalidism if it is your fault, and when, through right exercise and prudence, you might be athletic and well. The effect of the body upon the soul you acknowledge. Put a man of mild disposition upon the animal diet of which the Indian partakes, and in a little while his blood will change its chemical proportions. It will become like unto the blood of the lion or the tiger or the bear, while his disposition will change, and become fierce and unrelenting. The body has a powerful effect upon the soul.

There are good people whose ideas of heaven are all shut out with clouds of tobacco-smoke. There are people who dare to shatter

THE PHYSICAL VASE

in which God has put the jewel of eternity. There are men with great hearts and intellects, in bodies worn out by their own neglects—magnificent machinery, capable of propelling a *Great Eastern* across the Atlantic, yet fastened in a rickety North River propeller. Martin Luther was so mighty for God, first, because he had a noble soul, and secondly, because he had a muscular development which would have enabled him to thrash any five of his persecutors, if it had been Christian so to do. Physical development which merely shows itself in fabulous lifting, or in perilous rope-walking, or in pugilistic encounter, excites only our contempt; but we confess to great admiration for the man who has a great soul in an athletic body, every nerve, muscle and bone of which is consecrated to right uses. Oh, it seems to me outrageous that men, through neglect, should allow their physical health to go down beyond repair—a ship which ought, with all sail set and every man at his post, to be carrying

A RICH CARGO FOR ETERNITY,

employing all its men in stopping up leakages! When you may, through the gymnasium, work off your spleen and your querulousness and one-half of your physical and mental ailments, do not turn your back upon such a grand medicament.

Still further: I commend to you a large class of *parlor games* and recreations. There is a way of making our homes a hundred-fold more attractive than they are now. Those parents can not expect to keep their children away from outside dissipatinos unless they

MAKE THE DOMESTIC CIRCLE BRIGHTER

than anything they can find outside of it. Do not, then, sit in your home surly and unsympathetic, and with a half-condemnatory look because of the sportfulness of your children. You were young once yourself; let your children be young. Because your eyes are dim and your ankles are stiff, do not denounce sportfulness in those upon whose eyes there is the first lustre, and in whose foot there is the bounding joy of robust health. I thank God that in our drawing-rooms and in our parlors there are innumerable games and sports which have not upon them the least taint of iniquity.

Light up all your homes with innocent hilarities. Do not sit down with the rheumatism, wondering how children can go on so. Rather thank God that their hearts are so light, and their laughter is so free, and that their cheeks are so ruddy, and that their expectations are so radiant. The night will come soon enough, and the heart-break, and the pang, and the desolation—it will come soon enough for the dear children. But when the storm actually clouds the sky, it will be time enough for you to haul out your reef-tackles. Carry, then, into your homes not only the

INNOCENT SPORTS AND GAMES

which are the inventions of our own day, but the games which come down with the sportfulness of all the past ages—chess and charades and tableaux and battledore and calisthenics and lawn-tennis, and all those amusements which the young people of our homes know so well how to contrive. Then there will be the parlor socialities—groups of people assembled in your homes, with wit and mimicry and jovialty, filling the room with joy from the door to the mantel, and from the carpet to the ceiling. Oh, is there any exhilaration like a score of genial souls in one room, each one adding a contribution of his own individual merriment to the aggregation of general hilarity?

Suppose you want to go abroad in the city then you will find the panoroma and the art gallery and exquisite collections of pictures. You will find the Metropolitan Museum and the Historical Society room full of rare curiosities, and scores of places which can stand plainly the test of what is right and wrong in amusements. You will find the lecturing hall, which has been honored by the name of Agassiz in natural history, Doremus in chemistry, Boynton in geology, Mitchell in astronomy, John B. Gough in moral reform, and scores and hundreds of men who have poured the wit and genius and ingenuity through that particular channel upon the hearts and consciences and imaginations of men, setting this country fifty years farther in advance than it would have been without the lecture platform.

I rejoice in the popularization of

OUTDOOR SPORTS.

I hail the croquet ground and the fisherman's rod and the sportsman's gun. In our cities, life is so unhealthy and unnatural that when the cesus-takers represents a city as having four hundred thousand inhabitants, there are only two hundred thousand, since it takes at least two men to amount to one man, so depleting and unnerving and exhausting is this metropolitan life. We want more fresh air, more sunlight, more of the abandon of field-sports. I cry out for it in behalf of the Church of God as well as in behalf of the secular interests. I wish that this winter our ponds and our rivers and our Capitoline Grounds might be all aquake with the heel and the shout of the swift skater. I wish that when the warm weather comes, the graceful oar might dip the stream, and the evening-tide be resonant with boatman's song, the bright prow splitting the crystalline billow.

We shall have the smooth and grassy lawn, and we will call out people of all occupations and professions and ask them to join in the ballplayer's sport. You will come back from the outdoor exercises, with strength in your arm and color in your cheek and a flash in your eye and courage in your heart. In this great battle that is opening against the kingdom of darkness, we want not only a consecrated soul, but a strong arm and stout lungs and mighty muscle. I bless God that there are so many recreations that have not on them any taint of iniquity; recreations in which we may engage for the strengthening of the body, for the clearing of the intellect, for the illumination of the soul.

PHILANTHROPHY.

There is still another form of recreation which I commend to you, and that is the pleasure of doing good. I have seen young men, weak and cross and sour and repelling in their disposition, who by one heavenly touch have wakened up and become blessed and buoyant, the ground under their feet and the sky over their heads breaking forth into music. "Oh," says some young man in the house to-day, "I should like that recreation above all others, but I have not the means." My dear brother, let us take an account of stock this morning. You have a large estate, if you only realize it. Two hands. Two feet. You will have, perhaps, during the next year at least ten dollars for charitable contribution. You will have twenty-five hundred cheerful looks, if you want to employ them. You will have five thousand pleasant words, if you want to speak them. Now what an amount that is to start with!

You go out to-morrow morning and you see a case of real destitution by the way-side. You give him two cents. The blind man hears the pennies rattle in his hat, and he says, "Thank you, sir; God bless you!" You pass down the street, trying to look indifferent; but you feel from the very depth of your soul

A PROFOUND SATISFACTION

that you made that man happy. You go on still farther, and find a poor boy with a wheelbarrow, trying to get up on the curbstone. He fails in the attempt. You say, "Stand back, my lad; let me try." You push it up on the curbstone for him and pass on. He wonders who that well-dressed man was that helped him. You did a kindness to the boy, but you did a great joy to your own soul. You will not get over it all the week.

On the street, to-morrow morning, you will see a sick man passing along. "Ah," you say, "what can I do to make this man happy? He certainly does not want money; he is not poor, but he is sick." Give him one of those twenty-five hundred cheerful looks that you have garnered up for the whole year. Look joy and hopefulness into his soul. It will thrill him through and there will be a reaction upon your own soul. Going a little farther on, you will come to the store of a friend who is embarrassed in business matters. You will go in and say, "What a fine store you have! I think business will brighten up, and you will have more custom after a while. I think there is coming a great prosperity to all the country. Good morning." You pass out. You have helped that young man, and you have helped yourself.

WHICH WAS THE HAPPIER?

Colonel Gardiner, who sat with his elbow on a table, spread with all extravagant viands, looking off at a dog on the rug, saying, "How I would like to change places with him; I be the dog and he be Colonel Gardiner;" or, those two Moravian missionaries who wanted to go into the lazaretto for the sake of attending the sick, and they were told, "If you go in there, you will never come out. We never allow any one to come out, for he would bring the contagion." Then they made their wills and went in, first to help the sick, and then to die. Which was the happier—Colonel Gardiner, or the Moravian missionaries dying for others? Was it all sacrifice when the missionaries wanted to bring the Gospel to the negroes at the Barbadoes, and, being denied the privilege, sold themselves into slavery, standing side by side, and lying side by side, down in the very ditch of suffering, in order that they might bring those men up to life and God and heaven? Oh, there is a thrill in the joy of doing good! It is the most magnificent recreation to which a man ever puts his hand, or his head, or his heart.

But, before closing, I want to impress upon you that mere secular entertainments are

NOT A FIT FOUNDATION

for your soul to build on. I was reading of a woman who had gone all the rounds of sinful amusement, and she came to die. She said "I will die to-night at six o'clock." "Oh," they said, "I guess not; you don't seem to be sick." "I shall die at six o'clock, and my soul will be lost. I know it will be lost. I have sinned away my day of grace." The noon came. They desired to seek religious counsel. "Oh," she said, "it is of no use. My day is gone. I have been all the rounds of worldly pleasure, and it is too late. I shall die to-night at six o'clock." The day wore away, and it came to four o'clock, and to five o'clock, and she cried out at five o'clock, "Destroyed spirits, ye shall not have me yet; it is not six, it is not six!" The moments went by, and the shadows began to gather, and the clock struck six; and while it was striking her soul went. What hour God will call for us I do not know—whether six o'clock to-night or three o'clock this afternoon, or at one o'clock, or at this moment. Sitting where you are, falling forward, or dropping down,

WHERE WOULD YOU GO TO?

But our hour for adjourning has already come, and the last hour of our life will soon be here, and from that hour we will review this day's proceedings. It will be a a solemn hour. If from our death-pillow we have to look back and see a life spent in sinful amusement, there will be a dart that will strike through our soul, sharper than the dagger with which Virginius slew his child. The memory of the past will make us quake like Macbeth. The iniquities and rioting through which we have passed will come upon us, weird and skeleton as Meg Merrilies. Death, the old Shylock, will demand and take, the remaining pound of flesh and the remaining drop of blood: and upon our last opportunity for repentance, and our last chance for heaven, the curtain will forever drop.

The Boy and the Elephant.

Many years ago one of the most famous elephants that traveled in this country was Old Columbus. During one of his summer trips through Virginia he stopped at the town of D——. In the neighboring town of H—— a boy, familiarly called Dave and notorious for leadership in all kinds of mischievous tricks, determined to show off before the other boys at Old Columbus' expense, and invited several of his companions to go with him.

Having come to the elephant's stable Dave gave him first candy, then cake, and then finally cried: "Now boys!" and slipped a piece of tobacco in his proboscis, intending to get out of danger and enjoy Old Coinmbus' disgust and anger.

But before he could move Columbus seized him and whirled him upward through the opening overhead against the roof of the stable.

Unhurt by his unexpected rise Dave dropped on the hay mow. The other boys below, supposing this to be the trick promised them, cried out in admiration:

"Dave, Dave, do that again!"

Dave comfortably seated out of harm's way, very earnestly answered:

"No boys! I only do that trick once a day."

The Preacher Shot the Rabbit Free.

A few days ago a prominent Baptist clergyman of Louisville, with a deacon of the church, went to Bardstown on a hunting expedition. Their luck was proverbially bad. In fact, during the whole days wandering, they failed to find anything worthy of powder and shot. On their way home they chanced upon a boy who carried a pet rabbit with a strip of ribbon about its neck. The minister had an idea. It would not do to buy the rabbit outright and then kill it, but even the most scrupulous could not object if he gave the owner twenty-five cents for a shot at the pet. His friend, the deacon, complimented the scheme. So the boy was hailed and the preacher engaged him in conversation.

"I'll give you twenty-five cents for one shot at that rabbit," he said.

"All right," answered the boy, "where is the money?"

The coin was produced and the little fellow adjourned a dozen paces, and, with the ribbon, tied the rabbit to a sapling.

It was the first opportunity the reverend gentleman had to display his good marksmanship. He took careful aim, and bang went the gun. A few stray shot cut the ribbon in two and the frightened hare escaped in the undergrowth. The minister afterwards indulged in the reflection that if the hare had only remained still he would certainly have killed it.

Red maple will grow on any soil, but seldom makes a large tree unless in moist ground.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 1888.

The Multitude Fed.

LESSON TEXT.

(Matt. 14 : 13-21. Memory verses, 19-21.)

LESSON PLAN.

TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: *Jesus the King in Zion.*

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: *He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*—Rev. 17 : 14.

LESSON TOPIC: *The King's Followers Destitute.*

Lesson Outline: 1. The Needy Multitude, vs. 13-15. 2. The Slender Supply, vs. 16-18. 3. The Abundant Meal, vs. 19-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.*—John 6 : 35.

DAILY HOME READINGS:

M.—Matt. 14 : 13-21. The King's followers destitute.
T.—Mark 6 : 34-46. Mark's parallel narrative.
W—Luke 9 : 10-77. Luke's parallel narrative.
T.—John 6 : 1-14. John's parallel narrative.
F.—Matt. 15 : 32-39. Four thousand fed.
S.—Exod. 16 : 11-31. Fed with manna.
S.—John 6 : 27-40. The Bread of life.

LESSON ANALYSIS.

I. THE NEEDY MULTITUDE.

I. A Desert Place:

He withdrew....to a desert place apart (13).
Come....apart into a desert place, and rest a while (Mark. 6 : 31).
The child....was in the deserts till the day of his shewing (Luke 1 : 80).
He came out and went into a desert place (Luke 4 : 42).
We are here in a desert place (Luke 9 : 12).

II. A Great Multitude:

He came forth, and saw a great multitude (14).
There followed him great multitudes (Matt. 4 : 25).
Jesus saw great multitudes about him (Matt. 8 : 18).
Great multitudes came together to hear (Luke 5 : 15).
In these lay a multitude of....sick, blind, halt, withered (John 5 : 3).

III. A Pressing Need:

Send the multitude away, that they may....buy themselves food (15).
They continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat (Matt 15 : 32).
If I send them away fasting....they will faint (Mark 8 : 3).
Whence are we to buy bread, that these may eat? (John 6 : 5).
Work,....for the meat which abideth unto eternal life (John 6 : 27).

1. "They followed him." (1) Who? (2) Whom? (3) Why? (4) How? (5) Whence? (6) Whither? (7) With what results? (See context.)
2. "He had compassion on them." The Lord's compassion: (1) Its nature; (2) Its objects; (3) Its causes; (4) Its consequences.
3. "Send the multitudes away." (1) An emergency for the disciples; (2) An opportunity for the Lord.—(1) A suggestion of human wisdom; (2) An illustration of human folly.

II. THE SLENDER SUPPLY.

I. A Stupendous Undertaking:

They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat (16).
I will rain bread from heaven for you (Exod. 16 : 4).
Thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water (Exod. 17 : 6).
He giveth food to all flesh (Psa. 136 : 25).
He giveth to the beast his food (Psa. 147 : 9).

II. A Great Necessity:

We have here but five loaves, and two fishes (17).
Shall all the fish of the sea be gathered ....to suffice them? (Num. 11 : 22).
If the Lord should make windows in heaven, might this thing be? (2 Kings 7 : 2).
Who hath despised the day of small things? (Zech. 4 : 10).
Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient (John 6 : 7).

III. A Competent Helper:

And he said, Bring them hither to me (18).
He spake, and it was done (Psa. 33 : 9).
He himself giveth to all life (Acts 17 : 25).
God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy (1 Tim. 6 : 17).
God, who giveth to all liberally (Jas. 1 : 5).

1. "They have no need to go away." (1) An urgent need, as seen by the disciples; (2) No need at all, as seen by the Lord.—(1) The need they had; (2) The need they had not.
2. "But five loaves, and two fishes." (1) Sight's small supply; (2) Faith's limitless resources.—(1) Small in the disciples hands; (2) Great in the Lord's hands.
3. "Bring them hither to me." (1) The little provision; (2) The doubting carriers; (3) The omnipotent receiver.

III. THE ABUNDANT MEAL.

I. Blessed of the Lord:

He blessed, and brake and gave the loaves (19).
The people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice (1 Sam. 9 : 13).
He gave thanks and brake (Matt. 15 : 36).
Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it (Matt. 26 : 26).
When he had blessed, he brake it (Mark 14 : 22).

II. Distributed by the Disciples:

He....gave....to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes (19).
Freely ye received, freely give (Matt. 10 : 8).
That take and give unto them for me and thee (Matt. 17 : 27).
Give, and it shall be given unto you Luke 6 : 38).
Give for alms those things which are within (Luke 11 : 41).

III. Enjoyed to the Full:

They did all eat, and were filled (20).
Such as be blessed of him shall inherit the land (Psa. 37 : 22).
The blessing of the lord, it maketh rich (Prov. 10 : 22).
Likewise also of the fishes as much as they would (John 6 : 11).
Ye ate of the loaves, and were filled (John 6 : 26).

1. "Looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake." (1) Filial devotion; (2) Lordly benediction; (3) Kindly ministration.—The supply of food (1) Sent from heaven; (2) Prepared on earth.
2. "He gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes." (1) The fountain of good; (2) The channel of good; (3) The destination of good.—(1) The giver; (2) The bearers; (3) The recipients.
3. "They did all eat, and were filled." (1) Famishing; (2) Fed; (3) Filled.

LESSON BIBLE READING.

FOOD MIRACULOUSLY PROVIDED.

For Israel, in the wilderness (Exod. 16 : 11-15; Josh. 5 : 12).
For Elijah, at Cherith (1 Kings 17 : 2-6).
For Elijah, at Sarepta (1 Kings 17 : 13-16).
For Elijah under the juniper tree (1 Kings 19 : 4-8).
In the famine at Samaria (2 Kings 7 : 1-6, 16).
For five thousand persons (Matt. 14 : 15-21; Mark 6 : 35-44; Luke 9 : 12-17; John 6 : 5-14).
For four thousand persons (Matt. 15 : 32-38; Mark 8 : 1-9).
For the apostles, at the seaside (John 21 : 4-13).

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The narrative of Matthew here follows the chronological order, omitting at this point no important incident of which we have any record elsewhere. The only passages in the other Gospels which require notice, in connecting this lesson with the last, are Mark 6 : 30, 31; Luke 9 : 10. Both these narrate the return of the apostles from their preaching tour; and the former in touching terms indicates that one cause of the withdrawal (mentioned in Matt. 14 : 13) was the need of rest in consequence of the thronging multitudes (Mark 6 : 31). This was probably the chief reason, though Matthew's language may imply that the news of the murder of John the Baptist had something to do with the retirement from Galilee.

The time was just before the third Passover, April, 782—A. D. 29. The place was the east side of the lake, not far from eastern Bethsaida (see Luke 9 : 10).

A Compromise.

An ancient looking darkey, who had been told that the price of admission to the race ground was only ten cents, appeared there in company with his young wife, who was evidently his second. When informed that it would take a two-dollar bill to admit them they fell back across the road and looked at each other for a long minute before he said:

"Dat settles us."

"We might pay just once," she pleaded,

"It's impossible. Dat's our rent for half a month."

"But it's gwine to be awful excitin,' Moses."

"Mebbe so, but we shan't see the inside o' dat 'ar fence."

"Won't you please go in to please me?" she said, as she patted him on the back.

"Lucinda, look yere!" he replied, as he faced her. "In de fust place I ain't got but six bits. In de next place mebbe we'd be killed. In de third place boss racin' ain't no account dese days anyhow, an' in de fo,th place it's mighty wicked, an' de Lawd might shet us out o' heaben."

"But you were gwine to go in for "Wall, mebbe I was, but do you know what I was gwine to do, Lucinda? I was gwine to keep one eye shet and repeat de Lawd's Pray'r all de time. We'll hev some lemonade an' go back hum."

Times Have Changed.

Aged Philanthropist. "I can't see why you should be discontented. You make a great deal more than I did when I began my career as a journeyman in the same trade."

Workingman. "But a workman's expenses are higher than they were then."

P. "I have figured on that and find that the cost of everything is less in proportion to the wages paid now than it was when I was young; yet I saved money, made a start for myself and got rich, while you talk as if you hadn't enough ahead to bury you."

W. "Too true! It's a hard, cruel world. I don't see how you got ahead. How much were your assessments?"

P. "What assessments?"

W. "Assessments for hall rents and parade uniforms and brass bands and speakers and officers and delegates and funds for strikers and—"

P. "My gracious! We had no expenses of that kind."

W. "No wonder you got rich."

Mrs. Mackay's Feather Cloak.

Mrs. Mackay, the wife of the rich American, is determined to possess a cloak made from the breasts of the birds of Paradise. These birds, whose plumage is universally admired, are sold at 7 50 each; the breast is about four inches broad, and about six long at the greatest length, and nearly heart-shaped; the upper portion is about an inch and a half deep, and is like the the finest plush; in color, a deep seal-brown; the color shades off below to a pinky terra cotta. About 500 birds will be necessary to furnish enough for the cloak, and to secure them Mrs. Mackay has despatched two skillful marksman direct to New Guinea, and they are now engaged in the wholesale slaughter. The mantle will be costly, but the work of destruction will be so great that it is to be hoped few imitators will be found.

FARM NOTES.

POINTS OF A GOOD COW.—We are called on to give the points of a good cow and some suggestions which will aid a novice in buying satisfactorily.

A cow is in her prime when she is from 4 to 6 years old, and the best-paying time to buy is just after the birth of her second or third calf. Prominence and fullness of milk veins, and velvety softness of skin are good indications. The milk veins should run down on either side toward the udder, be easily perceptible to the eye, or readily found by pressure of the hand. Their hair should not be hard, rough, or staring. Symmetry, fullness and softness of the udder, which should be well spread out projecting behind the legs, and also reaching well forward under the belly; it should feel soft and thin to the touch, and an absence of fleshiness and thickness. The number and condition of the teats should be natural; if one teat is lacking a fourth less milk will be the result. A cow's udder is not, as some suppose, a barrel with four taps, but is divided into four different compartments, called milk glands, each of which has its own tap or teat. It is not only important that the full number of teats be present and in working order, but it is desirable that they be well placed, not crowded together, but well apart, and at nearly equal distances apart; they should be rather long and tapering. Another important point is quietness and docility of disposition. These qualities are indicated by large, mild and clear eyes, and an air of contentment generally. A cow that is quiet and contented feeds at ease, chews her cud with entire satisfaction, and will secrete more milk than a restless, turbulent animal, even if it has similar milking characteristics.

GRASSES AND FERTILIZERS.—"Fertilizers should be reduced for their greatest solubility by a rigid pulverization of the soil. Air, has an element of help to the farmer, by its chemical action on manures, composts to a state of perfection the refuse of the fields and gardens, in process of time. Well rotted manure is the best dressing that can be used on land ready for grass. Manure should be soluble, for grass roots require nourishment as much as any crop. Light, porous soil requires only a sufficient amount of manure for the crops, and should be well dressed with a fertilizing coat when seeded to grass, otherwise the hay crop will be light. It really costs no more, perhaps a trifle, to harvest two tons of hay than half that amount; and it is just as easy to raise two tons per acre as to skim over two or three acres in the hay season, in order to get half a ton of June grass.

FOR hardening or rendering butter firm in warm weather use carbonate of soda or alum, made into powder. For 20 pounds of butter, one teaspoonful of powdered alum and one of carbonate of soda are mingled together at the time of churning and put into the cream. The effect of this powder is to make the butter come firm and solid and to give a sweet flavor. It does not enter into the butter, but its action is upon the cream, and it passes off with the buttermilk. The ingredients of the powder should not be mingled together until required to be used or until the cream is in the churn ready for churning.

No country in the world can equal west Texas for the raising of horses, is the verdict of breeders of the state who have had large experience in many countries. It is high dry land that produces the nutritious grasses that contain the constituents of bone and muscle. This will develop a good constitution with fine flesh and fine solid bone. It is our soil and climate that has a remarkable effect upon the growth and development of the horse. Our pure air, clear water and rich cereals are the important factors in rearing a sound, healthy, spirited class of horses. Their feet are sound and their legs are as firm as steel, from climbing rugged hills.

IN feeding calves remember they are not the most brilliant animals in the world, and it is questionable if they ever know when they have enough any more than a boy would in a green apple tree. For this and many other reasons it is well to keep a watch over them to see that each one gets some of the food offered and not too much of it.

A PURE bred fowl of one of the egg-laying breeds, such as Langshahs, Houdan, etc., will lay from twenty-five to fifty eggs more in a year than the dunghill. Not only this, but they are much more profitable every way. Pure-bred birds of almost any breed are worth at least $3 apiece. There is a large profit on rightly managed poultry on the farm.

CREAM should never be churned fast until it has thickened some, as it is likely to become frothy, especially in cold weather, as there is more milk taken off with the cream than in warm weather, where open setting is practiced. If one is in a hurry the best plan is to make haste by churning slow at first.

POOR butter is classified under ten heads, as follows: Butter with fodder flavor, stable taints, with smoky, musty flavor, sour, oily butter, greasy butter; fishy, blubbery butter; bitter butter; streaked, speckled butter, all of which, save the fodder flavoring, are caused by carelessness in milking, and mismanagement in the butter after churning.

DO not value a hog because it does not eat much. A good hog has an excellent appetite always, and eating a large quantity of food means rapid growth. Increase of weight can not be secured except by the use of plenty of food; or "raw material" with which to manufacture the product desired.

To keep your hired men good natured while milking, call the milking a part of the day's work and do not expect them to work in the field till dark and then milk a dozen cows in the night.

HOUSEHOLD.

RECIPE FOR SCALLOPED CLAMS.—Scald the clams, drain off the liquor and chop them up very fine. Butter the cavities of a number of large clam shells, or, if pre erred, a number of individual vegetable dishes. Put in a thin layer of grated bread crumbs or cracker dust (the bread crumbs are to be preferred), then a layer of the chopped clams, a few small pieces of butter, a sprinkle of chopped parsley and dust of black pepper; then a layer of bread crumbs and another of clams, etc., and so on alternate until you have the desired quantity, the last layer being bread crumbs, upon which lay two or three small pieces of butter, and pour in a small portion of rich cream or a little sherry, or a little of the strained liquor from the scalded clams. This liquor is, however, often very salty, therefore care must be exercised in the use of it. Set your scallops in a baking-pan and cook in a moderate oven for fifteen or twenty minutes, or until the tops are of a delicate yellow color. Serve very hot.

CURE FOR BITES AND STINGS.—An old woodman of Australia, who used to catch snakes for pastime, says that a raw onion bruised and applied as soon as possible to the wound is a certain cure for the bite of all venomous serpents of that country except the death adder, which he admits is so poisonous and its poison is so quick in acting that there is no known remedy for it. That the onion is a specific for the sting of poisonous insects of all kinds has long been known to the writer of this paragraph, who, when a boy, invariably carried one on expeditions with companions against hornets' nests, etc. It was found that the application of onion juice would instantly allay the pain caused by the stinging of hornets, yellow jackets, wasps, bees, etc.

LEMON PUDDING.—For this the crumbs only of the stale bread must be used. Half fill a small baking dish with it, remove it to a basin and pour over it just enough hot milk to make it soft. Grate into this the rind of a large lemon, add the juice strained from the pips, sweeten it to taste, and mix it well together. Beat up an egg with as much milk as necessary to fill up the dish, pour this over the bread, mix well, and having buttered the dish, pour the preparation into it; put little bits of butter on the top of the pudding and round the edges of the dish, and bake it for about an hour, or until a nice brown color. Strew a little powdered sugar over the top and serve. This mixture can be baked within a crust of pastry.

FOAM CUSTARD.—Pound six bitter almonds and boil them in two quarts of milk; or, instead of the almonds, use half a vanilla bean; add sugar to taste, and a little salt. Beat separately four eggs; the whites must be whisked to a stiff froth, then mixed with the yolks. Let the milk just cease boiling, and whisk in the eggs till it froths well, but not over the fire or the eggs will curdle. Serve with small sponge biscuit.

BROILED POTATOES.—Cut cold boiled potatoes in slices a third of an inch thick. Dip them in melted butter and fine bread crumbs. Place in the double broiler and broil over a fire that is not too hot. Garnish with parsley, and serve on a hot dish. Or, season with salt and pepper, toast till a delicate brown, arrange on a hot dish, and serve with butter.

IF YOU have no pan expressly for baking fish you can arrange one in this way: Get a piece of heavy wire netting such as is commonly used in cellar windows; have it cut just large enough to cover the top of your dripping-pan, but not to extend over the sides; the fish may be laid upon this, and it will drain nicely and will be far more likely to brown as you like to have it than if it were laid in the bottom of the pan.

ONE way to make caper sauce to serve with fish is to chop one tablespoonful of capers very fine, rub them through a sieve, not wasting any part of them; mix with them a saltspoonful of salt, one ounce of butter, not melted but stirred and beaten until soft and light; sprinkle well with black pepper, and while the fish is very hot place the sauce over it and let it melt there, thin slices of lemon added to drawn butter giving a pleasing variation to that sauce.

PALM leaf fans are covered with silk or cretonne and have a loose piece of the same material attached so as to form a bag. There are pompons around the edge at regular distances. They are hung against the wall, handle upward, and serve as receptacles for odds and ends. The outsides are painted, gilded or covered with silk or satin fitting tightly.

SCRAMBLED EGGS.—Peel a large tomato, free it from seeds and chop it up small, also chop two slices of onion; put both into a saucepan with plenty of butter, and pepper and salt to taste; stir on the fire till the onion is quite cooked, but not colored, then throw in four eggs beaten up, and keep on stirring the whole till the eggs are nearly set; serve at once within a circle of bread sippets fried in butter.

JAPANESE bottles with long necks are made into hand-screens by ingenious young ladies and the manner in which it is done is by placing in the neck the handle of an open fan. The bottle and neck and handle may be covered with silk, thus concealing the joining point. The screen may be stood beneath a lamp to shield the eyes from the light.

BUTTERMILK is considered one of the best of summer drinks. Those who have a craving for something sour in warm weather will find the lactic acid which buttermilk contains very grateful to the stomach, and the staying properties of the drink will enable a person to undergo more fatigue than anything else that may be drank.

WHEN CHECKS MUST BE PRESENTED.

Judge Biddle Delivers an Opinion Important to Business Men.

Judge Biddle recently delivered an opinion in the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1, Philadelphia, which is not only valuable to the merchants and bankers of Pennsylvania, but to every man who has dealings with banks. The case was the State National Bank of New Jersey against Abraham Weil, and it was on a rule for judgement for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense.

Judge Biddle says: "The check upon which suit was brought in this case was drawn on the 26th of May, 1885, by Doughton, Wilkins & Co., and was made payable at the Shackamaxon Bank of Philadelphia. The check was not presented for payment to that bank until the 29th of May, after it had suspended payment. It is contended by the defendant that, inasmuch as there were ample funds in that bank to his credit when it failed and that if the said check has been duly presented to the said bank at any time prior to the said 29th of May, 1885, it would have been paid, the loss was caused by unreasonable delay in its presentation, and therefore the drawer was not liable upon it. The question, therefore, is whether the delay in its presentation was unreasonable. When the facts and circumstances are ascertained, the reasonableness of time, says Chancellor Kent, is a matter of law, and every case will depend on its special circumstances."

Judge Biddle then quoted cases to establish the rule that "a reasonable time will depend upon circumstances and upon the time, mode and place of receiving the check and upon the relations of the parties between whom the question arises. The check here in question was drawn by a commercial firm in a commercial city upon a city bank, in favor of another commercial firm, and is therefore a strictly mercantile transaction, not complicated by other consideration. There is no question of necessary delay in transmission, nor is any reason suggested why it could not have been presented at once, or anything connected with the transaction to indicate to the drawer that it would not be presented at once. If presented on the day of its receipt by the payee, it would have been paid if deposited by him in a city bank on the day of its receipt; it would have been presented on the next day and paid. If deposited the day after its receipt, the 27th, for collection, it would have been presented on the 28th and would have been paid. The rule in cases of that character is, that where the parties all reside in the same place, the holder should present the check on the day it is received, or the following day, and when payable at a different place from that in which it is negotiated, the check should be forwarded by mail on the same or the next day for presentment.

"The liability of the drawer cannot, it is apprehended, be delayed by circulating the check, and therefore to charge him, if the banker fail, the check in whosoever hands it be, must be presented within the period within which the payee or first holder must have presented it, but as against the party transferring the check to the holder, it is sufficient, whatever the date of the check, to present it or forward it for presentment on the day next after its transfer. The reason for this strictness is said to be that a check, unlike a bill of exchange, is generally intended for immediate payment and for circulation and therefore it becomes the duty of the holder to present it for payment as soon as he reasonably may, he keeps it at his own peril. Negotiability is not of their essence, but at most merely an optional quality. The rule, therefore, is well established in the two greatest commercial cities of the world that a check on a bank, where all the parties are residents of the same city, must be presented on the day upon which it bears date or on the next day, and if not the risk of the solvency of the drawee is upon the payee. We think that rule should be applied to this case, there being no circumstances to except it from its operation, and that the delay in the presentation of the check was unreasonable. The defendant is not responsible for its non-payment. The rule for judgement is discharged."

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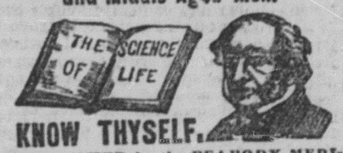

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"JOHN, I would like to invite my friend, Mrs. Smalley, this evening. Will you be able to be in?"

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"Well, to-morrow evening?"

"I have the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and you know—"

"What about Wednesday evening?"

"Oh! the Odd Fellows meet that night and on Thursday I have a meeting of the Knights of Labor to attend; on Friday the Royal Templars of Temperance; on Saturday there's a special meeting of the Masonic Lodge, and I couldn't miss that; and then Sunday night—let me see—what is there on Sunday night, my dear?"

"The Grand and Ancient Order of Christian Fellowship."

"Why, I had forgotten. Am I a member of that—let me see—"

"But you have forgotten another society, John, of which you were once a member."

"What's that?"

"Your wife's!"

A NEIGHBOR of mine is quite annoyed by having all the travelling agents, etc., quartered on him for the night, and the more he entertains, the more are sent him for that purpose.

One cold night last winter, after he had stowed two guests in his front chamber and two in his lower bed-room, we heard another stop at his door and ring him up at 12 o'clock past.

This was entirely too much for human patience.

"What do you want?" said he, opening the window.

"I want to stay here all night," came the answer from a voice on the sidewalk below.

"Well, stay there, then," was my neighbor's benevolent response, and down went the sash with a jerk!

CASE OF NECESSITY.—Scene in court—A small boy, caught in the act of shooting birds, has been arrested for truancy. Officer—"This, your honor, is the young truant and bird shooter." Judge—"I am deeply distressed to see you, so young a lad, so cruel. Do you not attend both day and Sabbath schools where you sing beautiful songs about the lovely birds and their little nestlings? And does not your own mother teach you when you say your prayers at night how wicked it is to shoot the dear birds?" Small boy—"Yes, sir." Judge—"Then you must be depraved indeed! Your extreme youth would certainly demand clemency. If you were an outsast, an orphan, I"—Small boy—"Then, judge, I wouldn't ha' done it. 'Twas for mother's hat. That bird was ten times prettier'n the one in your wife's bonnet, 'cause I seen it last Sunday in Sunday school. She's my teacher." Judge—"Oh! Oh! yes! A case of necessity, I see. You were not shooting in mere, wanton sport; discharge the boy and bring on the next case."

HE: "But I'm afraid that I'm wearying you. Excuse me for mentioning it, but I think I saw you indulge in a suppressed yawn twice." She: "Oh, don't go, I beg. Your company is so healthful." He: "So healthful?" She: "Yes; Mrs. Stratton advises all girls in society to sleep, and do you know, your conversation is exceedingly quieting. Indeed, I was more than half asleep when you started to go. Pray sit down; in another five minutes I am sure I shall be in the land of dreams." But he didn't stop. He happened to think of an important engagement that could not be neglected.

LITTLE Fred's sister was married the other evening, and he was so much impressed by the ceremony that he sat in perfect silence until the bride appeared in her traveling dress and her weeping mother took his hand to lead him to her for a good-by kiss. Then Fred burst out:

"Oh! oh! oh! must I go away?—am I married, too?"

MY little nephew, aged 3, writes a lady, was fond of playing cars by running along puffing and whistling in imitation of the engine. One day I chanced to step in his way as he was going at full speed. He stopped, and instead of requesting me to give him the right of way, remarked solemnly: "The engine will wait till that cow gets off the track."

BINKS (who has just arrived)—Who is taking the social lead here now?

Miss Gaygirl (with a touch of malice)—I believe Miss Passee is posing for belle of the beach.

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Miss G—That doesn't prevent her being the belle yet—the chestnut belle.

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"WERE you at the sociable last night?" "Yes, and I spent a very pleasant evening." "I heard Miss X— was to sing there. I suppose you enjoyed that?" "Ever so much. She had a sore throat and couldn't sing."

VISITOR—Is the baby very sick, Bobby?

Bobby—Yes, I guess she is for such a little bit of a thing.

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CENTRE HALL, PA. THURS, Jan. 5, 1888.

The possibilities of growth in the great northwest seem to be without limitations. This is strongly evidenced by the fact that the iron for over 3,500 miles of new railroads was laid during the past year.

The farmers of Dakota have taken a very practical course toward wiping out the trust monopoly evil. They have memorialized congress to remove the tariff from all articles for the sale of which a combination or trust has been or may be formed. If congress in the course of the coming tariff revision would embody this idea in legislation the "trust" would not last long.

Dakota is claimed as a Republican "state" and this "free-trade" move from that quarter may sound a little queer to the high tariff Republicans in the east.

THE SECRET OF A STRIKE.

The secret of the great strikes and their lamentable failures is simple enough, and here it is.

Under the inspiration of a few soulless and inflated wretches such as have got control of the Knights of Labor, an association of employees meet and are told that they must strike. The reasons vary, but they are often trivial and perhaps unjustifiable or fallacious. But that dosen't make any difference to the labor bosses. They are enough to inflame the spirits of their unfortunate dupes to the point desired. Other inflammatory and stimulating arguments, also mostly lies, are heaped before them. They are told that there is an enormous fund of money to carry them through the struggle. Loud applause. A telegram is read saying that the men at the other end of the line will eat their boots before they give up. Great enthusiasm. The whole district is said to be unanimous and hot for a general revolt, and no surrender is the watchword. Frantic cheering. All the surrounding labor organizations are with them heart and soul, and ready to stand by them, if the struggle should assume such proportions, to their last dollar. Sensation. And so on till the bosses' tongues tire of lies and their imagination fails to invent new incentives, and the assembly adjourns in jubilation at the prospect of putting these great imaginary forces in motion to crush their so-called enemies.

All this is the work of the most heartless set of unprincipled impostors that have appeared in modern times. And when such knaves are driven from influence in the ranks of organized laborers, the first and most indispensable step in progress from the present state of decay and dissatisfaction will have been accomplished.

THE HOLIDAYS OVER.

The holidays, in this county, seemed to have passed over pleasantly with all. There was pretty fair sleighing and with weather suited for that kind of enjoyment. Christmas dinners appeared to be all the go, generally with turkey on board. The Teachers' institute was a treat lasting nearly a week. We are sure we never knew the holidays to pass over with more enjoyment generally than last week. There was less carousing and intemperance and more general enjoyment appropriate to the season. There certainly was room for improvement in this regard and we are glad to note a beginning of it.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Dr. Ard, of Woodward and other physicians in the eastern end of the valley, are curing rheumatism by the use of oil of winter green, which is administered internally. This is a recent discovery of Dr. Ard's, as we are informed, and the remedy has proven a certain cure in a number of cases treated by him and other physicians who have administered oil to rheumatic patients.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.—The following accounts have been examined passed and filed of record in the Register's office for inspection of heirs and legatees, creditors and all others in any wise interested, and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre county, on Wednesday the 25th day of January A. D. 1888, for allowance and confirmation.

1. The account of D. R. Porter Woodring, administrator of etc. of Samuel Woodring, late of Rush Twp., dec'd.
2. Account of William P. Orbison, Guardian of Agnes L. Orbison, Minor child of James H. Orbison, late of Bellefonte borough, dec'd.
3. Account of William P. Orbison Guardian of J. Harris Orbison, Minor child of James H. Orbison, late of Bellefonte borough, dec'd.
4. Account of William P. Orbison, Guardian of Thomas J. Orbison, Minor child of James H. Orbison, late of Bellefonte borough, dec'd.
5. The account of W. W. Leech and P. W. Hasson, Executors of etc. of John Hasson, late of Harris township, dec'd.
6. The first and final accouht of Wm. F. Way, Admr. of etc. of Ezra Way, late of Union township dec'd.
7. The account of Mary E. Bush and C. B. Bush administrators of etc. of Dr. J. M. Bush, late of Patton township, dec'd.
8. The account of A. J. Orndorf and William Roup, Administrators of etc of Jacob, L. Roup, late of Ferguson township, dec'd.
9. The account of H. A Mingle, Executor of etc. of Elizabeth Korman, late of Haines township, dec'd
10. The final account of E. C. Humes and Adam Hoy, Administrators of etc. of Hon. James T. Hale, late of Bellefonte borough, dec'd, as filed by E. C. Humes and the Executors of Hon. Adam Hoy, dec'd.
11. The account of John Hoffer, dec'd, Guardian of Mary R. Williams (formerly Martin) dec'd, late a Minor child of Catharine Martin dec'd, as filed by D. S. Keller one of the Administrators of John Hoffer dec'd.
12. The account of John Hoffer, dec'd, Guardian of Margaret R. and John R. Martin, Minor children of Catharine Martin, dec'd, as filed by D. S. Keller one of the Administrators of said John Hoffer dec'd.
13. The account of John Hoffer, dec'd, late Guardian of Robert M., John H., Mary E., Charles F., and Carrie Miller, Minor children of Isaac Miller, late of College township, dec'd, as filed by D. S. Keller, one of the Administrators of said John Hoffer, dec'd.
14. The first partial account of E. J. Pruner and Col. D. S. Keller, Administrators of etc. of John Hoffer, late of Bellefonte boro' dec'd.
15. The first partial account of J. W. Gephart and C. M. Bower, Administrators of etc. of David Lamb, late of Marion township, dec'd.
16 The account of Thos. E. Vonada and F. P. Vonada, Administrators of etc. of Henry Vonada late of Haines twp., dec'd.
17. The account of Thomas W. Hosterman, Admintstrator of etc. of Pauline Moyer, late of Haines twp., dec'd.

JAMES A. McCLAIN, Register.

Register's office, Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 24, 1887.

IVES' RAILROAD VICTORY.

He Defeats President Dexter and is Elected a Director.

TERRE HAUTA, Ind., Jan. 3.—Yesterday was an eventful day in the history of the Vandalia line, and it has ended with President McKeen on top, with a board of directors of his own choosing elected.

The annual election of the Terre Haute and Indianapolis company was called for noon, but a temporary restraining order, obtained by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton company from Judge Woods, of Indianapolis, deferred it till two o'clock, Judge Woods in the meantime dissolving it.

The Vandalia people also made a legal move by obtaining from Judge James M. Allen, of the Superior Court, yesterday morning an order restraining Henry S. Ives from revoking a proxy given by him last summer to President McKeen, by which the latter was to vote the stock sold by McKeen to Ives and held by McKeen as collateral.

This stock is worth $889,000, and was the bone of contention that was fought over yesterday between the Vandalia and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton companies, each claiming the right to vote it. Judge Allen issued an order restraining the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton from voting this stock.

To add interest to the fight both Henry S. Ives and Julius Dexter, the latter president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Company, arrived here yesterday morning. The election occurred at 2 o'clock, and President McKeen's ticket swept the field clean, receiving all of the 18,113 votes cast. The directors elected are: W. B. McKeen, Henry S. Ives, Joseph Collett, D. W. Minshell, J. G. Williams, G. E. Farrington and Henry Ross. It is the same board of directors that managed the road at the time Ives and Stayner bought it in June last, except the addition of Ives.

The directors immediately elected W. B. McKeen, president; J. G. Williams, vice-president: J. W. Craft, treasurer, and C. E. Farrington, secratary. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent was declared, which was quite remarkable when the condition of the road as Ives left it is considered.

The election of Ives as a director creates great surprise, but from the fact that he aided McKean in his victory it is supposed to be the price of his assistance.

President Dexter returned to Cincinnati crushed by his sweeping defeat.

Valuable Pictures Destroyed.

QUEBEC, Jan. 3.—At three o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in the seminary chapel, and, despite all the endeavors of the firemen, the build ng and its contents were reduced to ashes. The chapel was one of the oldest on the continent. It was built in 1735, and contained the finest collection of ecclesiastical paintings of the French school in America. Every one of these was destroyed. The monetary loss will be considerable, but the value of the pictures cannot be estimated, as they cannot be replaced. The insurance was twenty-six thousand dollars.

Mrs. Newton Has Three Husbands.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 3.—Thomas Newton, late of Atlantic City, has caused a warrant to be issued for his wife Harriet whom he charges with bigamy. They were married on April 29 last, but she soon after deserted him and went to live with her father, Robert Page, on the corner of Sixth and Kaighn avenues. Newton claims that Harriet was previously married to Fred Eisle, employed at the Camden Iron Works, and also to James Davis, both of whom are still living.

Lecturer Parsons Dead.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Hon. Wm. Parsons, the well-known lecturer, is dead. He was a native of Ireland, belonging to the ancient family of the Parsons at Parsontown, the head of the family bearing the hereditary title of the Earl of Ross. He was graduated at Edinburgh University, became an ardent Nationalist, connected with the press and the platform, and since 1869 has devoted most of his time to lecturing in this country.

His Sorry New Year's Present.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The only act that now remains in the case of ex-Councilman Francis L. White, charged with forgery, is to pass sentence upon him, the full bench of the Supreme Court to-day having sent down an opinion in his overruling the defendant's exceptions and affirming the verdict of conviction.

Their Wages Reduced.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 3.—A number of coal operators here notified their miners yesterday of a reduction of five cents per ton. This action is due to the fact the Knights of Labor have not been able to get Congressman Scott's miners to come out for the Columbus scale. A strike may be the result.

Coal Tows Leaving Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan 3.—Despite the change in the weather the rivers continue to rise slowly. Before this time to-morrow a number of tows of coal will leave. There are about thirteen million bushels loaded but it is not likely that they can be got off at this rise.

Will Build a Crematory.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 3.—The Massachusetts Cremation Society, with a capital stock of $10,000 in $1,000 shares, has been organized. It expects to build a crematory this winter.

Carbolic Acid by Mistake.

HARTFORD, Jan. 3.—At Thompsonville this morning the child of a family named Jones was given carbolic acid by mistake. It died shortly afterward.

Baseball Notes.

Buck Ewing will have a chance to do some pitching next season.

Mickey Welch may not be with us next season. Still, there is little to be feared from that source.

Smiling Mickey Welch, the New York pitcher, was in town on Saturday, and had a talk with President Day. Mickey did not sign a contract.

President Stern of the Cincinnati Club thinks the contest for the Association pennant next season will be fought out between Cincinnati and Brooklyn. Comiskey, Phelps and Barnie may think otherwise.

Now that the League and Association are working on the peacentage plan and charge the same rate of admission, it is very desirable that as little conflict of dates as possible should occur in Philadelphia and between New York and Brooklyn.

The probable withdrawal of the Metropolitans from the Association renders the filling of the vacancy an important matter. Von der Horst, Robison, and Abell, the committee having control of the question, hope to settle the matter in a few days.

The changes recently made in the national agreement give all clubs more exclusive control over their own territory than heretofore, and will prevent all outside clubs desiring to play Sunday games from intruding upon Brooklyn's territory, and the same applies to Jersey City, so far as Woodhawken is concerned.

LLOYD McCLOSKEY DROWNED IN THE RIVER ON SUNDAY.

On Sunday, 25 ult., about noon, Lloyd McCloskey lost his life at Lock Haven by drowning in the river near the Island. He was on his way to his home at Ritchey, near Hyner, to spend Christmas with his mother, and we believe had intended going up on news express that day. He had stopped over here to see a young lady friend, Miss Katie Christie, and found her in company with another young man named Hayes Farley on the river skating. When young McCloskey joined them Mr. Farley made his excuses and went away, leaving the two together. Under the pier or near it and almost opposite Hanna's house, the ice broke with them and both fell in. The young man did his best to save the young lady and succeeded in shoving her out on the ice, where she was found lying, but in the effort he exhausted his own strength and sank. A couple of boys heard the splash and gave the alarm, and soon assistance arrived, but too late to save the unfortunate young man. He was not to be seen anywhere, but after a rake had been procured the body was found on the river bottom just under the ice, the water not being deep enough to float it away.

We understand that the young man's mother waited dinner on her son and a relative went to the depot to meet him, but instead got the dispatch announcing the terrible news of his death. The sad affair caused a deep feeling of sorrow in this community. The young lady concerned is said to be almost crazy over it. The deceased was about 22 years of age. —*Democrat*

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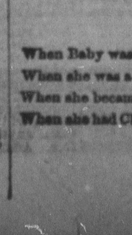

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One lot of White Blankets, were $1 75, now $1 00.

White Blankets, $1 50, 2 00, 2 50, 3 00, 3 50 to $6 apiece.

One lot of Horse Blankets, were $1 00, now 80c.

5c Calico reduced to 3c per yard.

A lot of Best Calicoes, were 7c, now 5c per yard

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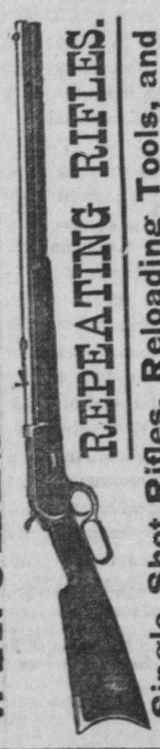

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"	" Harrisburg		3 30 a m
"	" Montandon		5 26 a m
"	" Williamsport		7 10 a m
"	" Jersey Shore		7 35 a m
"	" Lock Haven		7 58 a m
"	" Renovo		8 50 a m
"	arr at Erie		3 58 p m
NEWS EXPRESS	leaves Philadelphia		4 30 a m
"	" Harrisburg		8 10 a m
"	" Montandon		10 12 a m
"	" Williamsport		11 10 a m
"	arr at Lock Haven		12 10 p m
NIAGARA EXP.	leaves Philadelphia		7 40 a m
"	" Harrisburg		11 25 a m
"	" Mentandon		1 14 a m
"	arr at Williamsport		2 15 p m
"	" Lock Haven		3 30 p m
"	" Renovo		4 30 p m
"	" Kane		8 25 p m
FAST LINE	leaves Philadelphia		11 50 p m
"	" Harrisburg		3 45 p m
"	" Montandon		5 54 p m
"	" Williamsport		7 10 p m
"	" Lock Haven		8 02 p m
"	arr at Renovo (Sunday Train.		9 00 p m
SUNDAY MAIL	leaves Philadelphia		4 30 a m
"	" Harrisburg		7 40 a m
"	" Montandon		9 57 a m
"	" Williamsport		10 40 a m
"	" Lock Haven		11 34 a m
"	arrives Renovo		12 30 p m

EASTWARD.

SEA SHORE EXP.	leaves Lock Haven		7 05 a m
"	" Jersey Shore		7 35 a m
"	" Williamsport		8 15 a m
"	" Montandon		9 17 a m
"	arr at Harrisburg		11 30 a m
"	" Philadelphia		3 15 p m
DAY EXPRESS	leaves Kane		6 25 a m
"	" Renovo		10 20 a m
"	" Lock Haven		11 15 a m
"	" Williamsport		12 20 p m
"	" Montandon		1 22 p m
"	arr at Harrisburg		3 13 p m
"	" Philadelphia		6 50 p m
RENOVO ACN	leaves Renovo		4 05 p m
"	" Lock Haven		5 05 p m
"	" Williamsport		6 20 p m
"	" Montandon		7 23 p m
"	arrives at Harrisburg		9 30 p m
"	" Philadelphia		4 25 a m

Sunday Train—RENOVO Accommod'n East runs also on Sunday.

ERIE MAIL	leaves Erie		2 45 p m
"	" Renovo		11 00 p m
"	" Lock Haven		11 58 p m
"	" Williamsport		1 25 a m
"	" Montandon		2 27 a m
"	arr at Harrisburg		4 30 a m
"	" Philadelphia		8 25 a m

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1 48		6 24	Biehl	8 51		5 22
1 55		6 30	Vicksburg	8 45		5 25
2 05		6 41	Mifflinburg	8 35		5 08
2 20		6 56	Millmont	8 22		4 53
2 30		7 05	Laurelton	8 13		4 43
3 00		7 40	Paddy Mountain	7 40		4 08
3 15		7 52	Coburn	7 27		3 75
3 25		7 58	Zerby	7 19		3 45
3 35		8 10	Rising Spring	7 10		3 35
4 45		8 18	Penn Cave	7 00		3 27
3 54		8 25	Centre Hall	6 52		3 20
3 59		8 33	Gregg	6 43		3 13
4 08		8 42	Linden Hall	6 38		3 05
4 15		8 48	Oak Hall	6 29		3 00
4 19		8 52	Lemont	6 25		2 55
4 25		8 59	Dale Summit	6 20		2 50
4 33		9 09	Pleasant Gap	6 10		2 40
4 41		9 14	Axemann	6 04		2 34
4 45		9 20	Bellefonte	6 00		2 30

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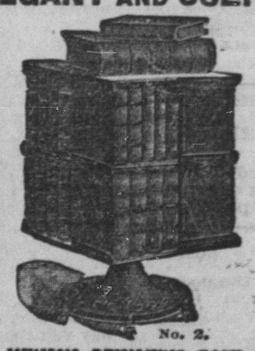

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PRESIDENT AND CABINET TO ATTEND MANNING'S FUNERAL.

The Treasury Building in Drapery—Mrs. Vilas' Dangerous Illness—The New Year's at the White House to be Very Quiet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Cleveland, Colonel Lamont and all the members of the Cabinet now here, leave to-night to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Manning. They will probably go by a special train and will arrive in New York early on Tuesday morning and then take the train for Albany. Secretary Endicott, who is in Massachusetts, will join them, but Secretary Lamar, who is out of the city, may not be able to accompany the party. The members of the cabinet express their sorrow freely and earnestly regarding the loss which has accrued to the nation and to the Democratic party in Mr. Manning's death.

Workmen ware at work all day yesterday draping the streasury department, in memory of the late ex-Secretary Manning.

Mrs. Vilas, the wife of the postmaster-general, is reported to be seriously ill with heart disease, and will probably be removed to her Wisconsin home as soon as practicable. Her condition was much aggravated by the recent fatal accident to Judge Elliott, a relative.

The announcement of yesterday that the New Year's reception at the White House would be omitted on account of Mr. Manning's death has been recalled, and the reception will be held in as quiet a manner as possible.

Speaker Carlisle is getting most of his committees in pretty good shape, and expects to have them fully ready when the house reassembles. The absence of most of the members gives him an opportunity for steady work, and the lists are taking shape rapidly. Some of the most important chairmanships will probably be: Ways and Means, Mills, Texas. Appropriations, Randall, Pennsylvania. Banking and Currency, Scott, Pennsylvania. Coinage, Weights and Measures, Bland, Mo. Commerce, Clardy, Mississippi. Rivers and Harbors, Blanchard Louisiana. Foreign Affairs, Belmont, New York. Military Affairs, Wheeler, Alabama. Post Offices and Post Roads, Blount, Georgia. Naval Affairs, Herbert, Alabama. Labor, O'Neil. Missouri. Public Lands, Foran, Ohio. Pacific Railways, Outhwaite, Ohio. Territories, Springer, Illinois. Railways and Canals, Davidson, Florida. Education, Candler, Georgia. Militia, McAdoo, New Jersey. Invalid Pensions, Eatson, Indiana.

The ways and means committee, it is understood, will consist of Mills, Texas; Cox, New York; Kelly, Pennsylvania; Breckenridge, Alabama; Breckenridge, Kentucky; Farrell, Virginia; Adams, Illinois; McKinley, Ohio; Gay, Louisiana; McAdoo, New Jersey.

THE MANNING OBSEQUIES.

An Unostentatious Funeral to be Held at St. Paul's Church, Albany.

ALBANY, Dec. 26.—Dignified simplicity will be the noted feature of the Manning obsequies, to correspond to two of the most prominent traits of Mr. Manning's nature. Rev. Dr. J. Divingston Reese, pastor of St. Paul's church, where the services will be held on Tuesday, at 2 p. m., will officiate. All the city clergy will also be present at the ceremonies.

The body will not lie in state, as that course would tend to deprive the family of the simple services with prayers which are to be held at the house prior to the public funeral, and would also interfere with the arrangements made by several of the bearers who will come from afar. The ceremonies at St. Paul's church will be comprised of the simple Episcopal service, with no elbborate music. Temple Lodge No. 14, F. A and A. M., will be present in a body, ubt at the request of the family no Masonic service will be held.

A delegation from the Western National bank, of New York, of which Mr. Manning was president, have signified an intention to be present. It is thought probable that the features of the distinguished dead will be exposed to view in the church.

Governor Hill will entertain the president and cabinet members at the executive mansion during their stay in the city. It is not yet known certainly if Mrs. Cleveland will accompany the president, but it is thought probable.

The President's Gift to the Pope.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Cleveland's gift to the pope is a copy of the United States Constitution, beautifully engrossed and richly bound. It was forwarded to Rome through Cardinal Gibbons, who received it about three weeks ago. It was accompanied by a letter in which the president requested the cardinal to send his cordial congratulations to the pope on the approaching jubilee. The book is gilt-edged, containing fifteen pages, each eighteen inches square, and is bound with vellum of a cream color. The words "The Constitution of the United States of America" are on the center in gilt letters. The book rests in a handsome case of Tyrian purple. The few persons who have seen the present speak very highly of its merit as a specimen of what Americans can do in that line, but the greatest praise it has created has been that given the president for the simplicity of his gift.

High License in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—By the Brooks high license bill the number of saloons will be reduced in Philadelphia fully one-half. The law and order society are active in making investigations as to the character of every applicant for license. On the other hand the personal liberty people are making preparations for the fall campaign and they will do their utmost to defeat all candidates supposed to be in sympathy with the Sunday laws. The decision that no wine could be sold at balls created a good deal of consternation, but it is now evident that there will be little difficulty in obtaining liquors at the festivities.

Her Father's Fortune Will Be Hers.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 26.—The grand jury of Mercer county has completed a laborious week's work on the case of Mrs. Hoyt, who, after a twenty years' absence, during which time she was mourned as dead, appeared and laid claim to the immense estate of her father, who had died broken-hearted after his daughter's mysterious disappearance. The jury sustaining her claim to the estate, and the present possessors will take the case to the supreme court.

A Probable Case of Fratricide.

NEWARK, Dec. 26.—An affray occurred between three Italians last night at Drift street, during which Sebastian Cielo was struck on the head with an ax and sustained injuries which will probably prove fatal. The offense was aggravated by the fact that his brother, Antonio, was the one who inflicted the wounds. Sebastian had come from Hoboken with his wife to visit his brother. Both men were intoxicated.

POISONED HER SCHOOLMATE.

After a Quarrel One Young Girl Feeds Another With Arsenic.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Jan. 3.—A few days ago the twelve-year-old daughter of Rev. Mr. Grove, of Plum township, this county, and the fifteen-year-old daughter of William Stevens, had a childish quarrel at school. The next day the Grove girl spoke to her playmate and after talking a while she produced a paper containing a white powder and wanted the Stevens girl to eat some of it. The latter at first refused, but later, during school hours, she was induced to eat some. Shortly afterward she was seized with violent convulsions and her screams created a panic in the schoolroom.

She frothed at the mouth, rolled on the floor in agony and ran wildly about the room, her cries being frightful to hear. The teacher despatched a scholar after a doctor, who arrived in a few minutes. He at once pronounced the girl suffering from arsenical poisoning, her symptoms being those of an overdose of the drug.

He relieved her with antidotes and sent her home out of danger. He said that if she had taken a trifle less of the posion it would have been impossible to save her.

She told how she had come to eat the poison, and the Grove girl said that she had procured t e arsenic at home, where her father kept it to kill rats, but that she did not know "it would hurt folks." Investigation proved that her story of getting the drug was true. She has been removed from the school.

Testing Dakota's Option Law.

ABERDEEN, Dak., Jan. 3.—The local option law, passed in so many of the counties of Dakota at the late election, is already being put to the test. The law gives county commissioners power to revoke a license granted by them, but makes no provision as to licenses already granted under city charters. Licenses in this city expire April 1, and the city council have refused to cancel them. The County Board of Brown County adjourned without action Saturday. The saloons will close, however, on or before April 1 unless the law be decided unconstitutional. To test the question suit will be instituted here and in Fargo and Grand Forks and other points. The defect claimed is that the legislature had no power to pass the act. In the opinion of most lawyers it is a good point. Wholesale dealers say that they will continue to sell under their government license. A protracted and bitter contest is inevitable.

Shot While Disturbing a Meeting.

SAUGATUCK, Conn., Jan. 3.—In Stamford the colored people assembled in the African Methodist Episcopal Church to pray the old year out and the New Year in. A few minutes before midnight a company of Stamford men, among whom were Patrick Burke, Frank Gallagher and Charles Flunkett walked into the building. They disturbed the meeting by making unusual noises. An attempt to put the men out of the church caused a serious scuffle, but was successful. When the men attempted to re-enter, James Robinson, one of the congregation, drew a revolver and discharged it. The ball struck Patrick Burke, entering his right side near the lower rib inflicting a serious wound.

Want Their Differences Settled.

SANDWICH, Mass., Jan. 3.—As was expected the glass workers employed in the Boston and Sandwich glass factory did not return to work to-day, and many of them removed their tools from the factory. Work in the decorating, etching and other departments will continue until the stock is used up, when, if the difficulties are not settled, a general suspension will undoubtedly occur. The differences are to be settled by a committee from the American Flint Glass Manufacturers Association and their decision is to be final for the workmen in all factories.

A Story About Broker Ives Denied.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—A despatch from New York stating that Henry S. Ives had secured the resignation of certain Cincinnati directors of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Road in furtherance of his designs to place himself in control of that property was shown to Albert Netter yesterday. Said he: "There's nothing in it. I don't know who would be interested in giving out such reports. They help nobody."

Engines Badly Wrecked.

ALTOONA, Jan. 3.—The Pacific express west met with a mishap at Bennington Furnace by running into an engine which was pushing a freight train. Both engines were derailed and badly wrecked. Engineer J. S. Newcomer, of the freight train, was injured, but no bones were broken. East and west bound trains were delayed several hours.

Celebrating New Years in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—A large number of social clubs commenced celebrating New Year's Sunday night by parading en masque through the streets, and yesterday morning the streets were thronged with people in grotesque costumes. Business was entirely suspended.

The Last One Dead.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—James Hendricks, brother of the late Vice-President Thomas A. Hendricks, and the last one remaining of the family, died at his home in this city at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning of lung fever, aged fifty-three years. He had been sick one week.

Will Not Accept Any Office.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Captain Griffin, a personal friend of the Hancock family, denied the truth of a statement recently published to the effect that Mrs. Hancock is a candidate for the postmastership in this city or for any other public office.

His Body Cut in Two.

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Andy Blair, well known nail feeder, slipped in stepping from the Cleveland and Pittsburg train yesterday evening at Brilliant Station and fell under the train. His body was cut in two.

Prohibitionists Organize.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The new State Central Committee of the Massachusetts Prohibitionists met yesterday afternoon and organized. J. H. Roberts of Cambridge was chosen president.

An Insurance Company Liquidates.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 3.—The New Hampshire Manufacturers' Fire Insurance Company, whose office is here, has gone into liquidation owing to heavy losses.

Cincinnati Well Get Coal.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—The Ohio river is rising rapidly, and 4,000,000 bushels of coal are coming. This will end the coal famine here.

He Will Not Resign.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Judge McCue, Solicitor of the Treasury denies the rumor of his intended resignation.

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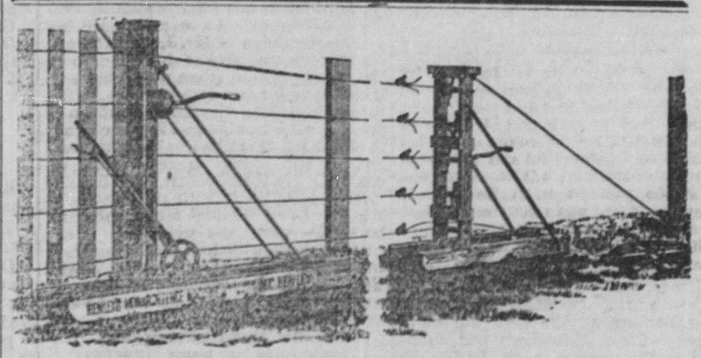

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

—The steamer State of Georgia arrived at New York from Glasgow on the 23d. She experienced a hurricane on the 13th inst., during which several sailors were injured, two boats smashed and considerable damage done about the decks.

—A telegram from Topeka, asserts that the dispatches from Wichita about the suffering and death in Western Kansas, "are false according to the best evidence, that can be procured." Not more than two deaths are known to have occurred in Kansas and two in Nebraska. "The crops in western Kansas have been poor and a great majority of the settlers have been there but a short time and are poor. But they are not in a starving condition by any means. A large portion are comfortably housed in dug-outs and have laid id a supply of cow chips for the winter, which will keep them from suffering. The weater is moderating, the thermometer ranging from 40 to 60 above zero,"

—The Newman Allen building and the City Bank block, in Holton, Kansas, were burned on the evening of the 23d. Loss, $70,000; insurance, $33,000.

—A telegram was received in Hudson, Wisconsin, on the 23d, from New Richmond, asking for assistance from the fire department, as the city was being destroyed by fire. New Richmond is a town of 1800 people, on the Omaha Railroad, 18 miles from Hudson.

—Thomas H. Hood, defaulting cashier of the Board of Water Commissioners of Norwich, Connecticut, was arrested on the 26th and committed in default of $7500 bail. He is charged with having embezzled $6500. Lucille Foster, 20 years old, was arrested in Worcester, Mass., on the evening of the 25th, on the charge of forgery. It is charged that she obtained $230 on a number of small notes, to which she forged the signature of George Sessions. It is said she used the money to go to Boston and have a criminal operation performed. She is in a serious condition. She has been a telegraph operator in Boston and an employe in a straw factory near Worcester.

—Luman E. Grant, 28 years old, and his younger brother broke through the ice on Onondaga Lake, New York, while skating on the 26th. Luman was drowned, but his brother was saved. Emerson Littlefield, while skating at Peoria, Illinois, on the 26th, went into a hole and was drowned.

—Charles House, foreman of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company's printing office in Washington, District of Columbia, was walking on the tracks near Alexandria with his daughter, on the 25th. While standing between the north and south tracks amusing the child, he was struck and killed by an express train. The child was unhurt. H. Nichols, of London, England, was killed while attempting to board a freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, on the morning of the 26th.

—Edward Kendricks, 38 years of age, committed suicide at Pittsburg, on the evening of the 26th, by jumping into the river. He was a telegraph operator, and leaves a wife and daughter. Whisky caused the deed.

—Mrs. Sarah G. Ewing, living a few miles west of Shelbyville, Indiana, was found dead in her barnyard on the 25th, by her grandson. Her body was terribly mangled by hogs.

—While Marx Morse, a well-known citizen of Petersburg, Virginia, was unlocking his front door on the evening of the 26th, he was stabbed and dangerously wounded by an unknown negro, who escaped.

—William Stance, color sergeant in the Ninth U. S. Cavalry, was shot dead from ambush at Crawford, Nebraska, on the evening of the 25th, while on his way to Fort Robinson. As he was a very strict disciplinarian, it is believed that he was killed by one of his men. He stood high in the esteem of his superiors, and wore a medal awarded by Congress for bravery in rescuing children from Indians.

—Isadore Pierce, a storekeeper in Boulder, Colorado, shot his wife twice in the presence of their four children on the 26th, and then killed himself. The wife is not fatally wounded. The cause was jealousy.

—Paul Krause, implicated in the murder of Lyman S. Weeks, in Brooklyn, New York, in March last, escaped from the jail in that city on the evening of the 25th. He lowered himself from the fourth floor by means of towels tied together, and dropped on blankets which he had previously thrown on the cobblestone pavement below. By means of a carriage pole he scaled the outer wall and reached the street. A general alarm has been sent to the police of the principal cities.

—A despatch from Atlanta, Georgia, says Roland Taylor, a colored prisoner, set fire to the Tococoa Jail on the evening of the 27th and was burned up in it.

—James Watson, mine boss of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, at Pittston, was shot and mortally wounded by Samuel McDowell, weighmaster, on the 27th. Both are over 60 years of age. No cause is known for the deed, but it is said that McDowell has lately shown signs of insanity. Constable Henry Moore placed Samuel Mullen under arrest for drunkenness in Weston, West Virginia, on the evening of the 26th. Mullen was drunk and refused to go with the constable to jail. A scuffle ensued, in which Moore, losing his temper, drew his pistol and shot Mullen dead. A telegram from Rector, Arkansas, says a terrible affray occurred there on the evening of the 26th, in which A. M. Boyce, the Marshal of Rector, was killed and W. H. Lovejoy mortally wounded. A man named Davis is also reported killed. No further particulars have been received, but it is said the tragedy grew out of an old feud. Nathan Reid, who lived in Lee county, Georgia, on the evening of the 25th killed his wife and six children, set fire to the house and then killed himself. Jeremiah B. Fry, a prominent colored citizen of Louisville, Ky., was assaulted and robbed on the evening of the 26th. He died on the 27th from injuries received.

—During a Christmas entertainment given in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at Fairburg, Illinois, a little cabin was placed on the platform and filled with presents for the children. The structure, being built of inflammable material, including cotton, took fire from the lights, and a panic ensued among the men, women and children present. Hundreds were trampled upon and many injured, several perhaps fatally. The church was saved with great difficulty, but all the windows were demolished. On Christmas day two colored boys, aged 6 and 7 years, living near Louisiana, Missouri, were burned to death while playing too close to a lighted brush pile. Miss Belle Smith, living near Chauncey, Illinois, was sweeping the hearth on Christmas eve, when her clothes caught fire and she was burned to death. She was to have been married on Christmas day.

—A telegram from Springfield, Ohio, says Jesse Mead, a wealthy farmer and a politician, was drowned in Mad river, on the 27th. He was crossing a bridge in a buggy when his horse reared and backed off the bridge.

—Daniel Stillwell, aged 70 years, perished in a snowstorm within a short distance of his home at South Pittsburg, Tennessee, on the evening of the 26th.

—John Williams and William Lynch, the burglars who recently escaped from the Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Jail, and were recaptured, one in Yonkers and the other in New York, have been identified as two of the burglars who attempted to rob the Farmers' National Bank, of New Castle, Delaware, September 29th. Williams, when told by Inspector Byrnes that his connection with the New Castle job was known, confessed.

—Several persons were injured by a smash-up on ths Long Island Railroad, at Ralph Avenue Station, Brooklyn, on the morning of the 27th. The accident was between two trains running in the same direction. A fog prevailed and prevented the engineer of the rear train from seeing far ahead. All the passengers on the first train were shaken, and about a dozen were injured, but none severely. Two cars were wrecked.

—The funeral of ex-Secretary Manning took place on the 27th in Albany, New York. Private funeral services for the family were held at the residence of Mr. Manning's son, followed by public services in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. President Cleveland and his Cabinet and many other distinguished persons were present.

—Owen Connolly, a wealthy merchant of Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island, dropped dead in his store on the 27th, while writing an order for a pair of blankets and a load of coal, to be presented as holiday gift to a poor woman. He was 67 years of age, married, but childless. After making several bequests, his will gives the residue of his estate for the education of poor Roman Catholic children in Prince Edward's Island. The estate is estimated at $800,000.

—At a meeting of tobacco growers in Baldwinsville, New York, on the 24th, resolutions were passed asking Congress to abolish the war taxes on tobacco and to revise the Sumatra tariff law of 1883. Representatives were present from several counties. An organization was perfected, and it was decided to request Congress to protect them against foreign producers, and declared in favor of a duty of seventy-five cents per pound on imported cigar leaf.

—Two freight trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad collided near Racine, Wisconsin, on the morning of the 28th. Both cabooses and several cars were wrecked and burned, and two brakemen were injured by jumping from the trains. David Smetzer, a citizen of Quincy, Penna., was killed on the 27th by being thrown from his horse. Benson Sewall, only son of Professor Sewall, of the Theological Seminary, in Bangor, Maine, was drowned on the 28th while skating on the Penobscot at Hampden. At Clarkson, Georgia, on the evening of the 26th, Fritz Bryan, aged 14 years, son of Mrs. Mary L. Bryan, of New York, was "celebrating" with a lot of fire works. A large fire ball, made of cotton wrapped around wooden hoops and dipped in turpentine and tar, was laid aside to close the display. Young Bryan picked it up and, touching a match to it, tossed it into the fire. It fell back on his head and, spreading out, remained fixed there. By burying his head in the sand the flaming circle was extinguished, but his head and face were so badly burned that his recovery is not expected.

—Greenville county, South Carolina, by over 2000 majority on the 28th voted a subscription of $200,000 to the stock of the Knoxville, Carolina and Western Railroad. This subscription completes the sum required to finish the road from Knoxville to Port Royal.

—Professor E. McHubbs, of the American Normal College of Logansport, Indiana, is reported to have fled after embezzling college funds. Six months ago he married a respected lady of Salem, and had since been assistant superintendent of a Sunday school. The safe in the store of H. B. Miller & Brother, dry goods merchants of East Aurora, New York, was robbed on the evening of the 27th of $1800. "Buck" Harlan was arrested at Sharpsville, Indiana, on the evening of the 27th for counterfeiting gold and silver coin. Three hundred spurious coins were found in his possession. The post-office at Charlestown, West Virginia, was robbed early on the morning of the 28th of four hundred dollars in cash and eleven hundred dollars in stamps. Paul Boden, of San Francisco, who was convicted in New York of smuggling $4500 worth of diamond jewelry and fancy gowns, was on the 28th sentenced to a year's imprisonment. Dr. Stokes, of Middleburg, Ohio, druggist and township treasurer, was chloroformed on the evening of the 27th by burglars and robbed of $600.

—Charles Leavitt, a burglar, was on the 28th sentenced in Buffalo, New York, to ten years' imprisonment. In 1874 he was tried in Toronto for murder and sent to prison for life, but was pardoned after eight years, on giving evidence against his accomplice, Charles Meeker.

—William H. A. Savage, of Wilkesbarre, Penna., has lost two children within forty-eight hours by a mysterious disease. The younger, two years old, appeared slightly sick on the evening of the 26th, and died before it was supposed that his illness was a serious one. Another boy, five years old, was taken sick on the morning of the 28th, and died in a few hours. In both cases the bodies turned black a short time after death. Post-mortem examinations will be made.

—Richard H. Barringer, 24 years old, died in Troy, New York, on the 28th, from an affection of the heart, followed by dropsy. Several physicians attended him, and they all agreed that his system had become shattered by nicotine poisoning. "After his death one of his veins burst, and the blood therefrom was almost as black as ink." He smoked cigarettes to excess.

—There has been trouble at High Bridge, Wisconsin, a small station on the Wisconsin Central Railroad, for some weeks, the employes of the charcoal pits objecting to the presence of peace officers. On the 27th a gang of coal burners attacked Officer R. H. McPhale. He retreated and fired, killing Peter Collins. McPhale was kicked in a terrible manner and left for dead. Several arrests have been made.

—Llewellyn Jones and David Jones, two old miners, were brushing the gas out of their chambers, at the Empire mine, at Wilkesbarre, Penna., on the 28th, when a laborer entered with a naked lamp. An explosion followed, and the two miners were fatally burned. The laborer, who was on the outside of the chamber and in the current of air, escaped injury. John Smith, 28 years old, employed in Smyth's leather factory, in Newark, New Jersey, was attacked with vertigo on the evening of the 28th, and fell into a tanning vat and was drowned.

—While scraping ice off the lake on Eau Claire river, near Stillwater, Minnesota, on the 28th, eight valuable horses belonging to Musser, Sauntry & Tozer broke through and seven of them were drowned. Malloy Brothers & McClure have lost three horses by drowning on Snake river, and William Hanson has lost four horses near Hayward, Wisconsin.

—Adam Martin, of Liverpool, Perry county Pa., has been arrested on the charge of defrauding an old soldier named Scyoe out of $1840 of $3600 received by Scyoe on account of arrearages of pensions.

—The house of Daniel Newton, colored, near Janesville, Virginia, was burned on the evening of the 28th. His three little children perished in the flames, and Newton was fatally injured in trying to rescue them. James Black, who lived fourteen miles from Millerstown, Penna., "turned on the natural gas" when going to bed on the evening of the 28th. He awoke at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 29th to find the house in flames, and was so badly burned that he is not expected to recover. He escaped from the house and walked, almost naked, to his father's house, a mile distant.

—John McKewen, 36 years old, was killed in Baltimore on the 29th by the caving in of an embankment. He went to Baltimore from Waterville, Penna., six weeks ago.

—A snow storm began at Quebec on the 28th, and was still prevailing on the 29th. The snow is about eighteen inches deep on a level, with drifts of seven or eight feet.

—The "cannon-ball express," which left Chicago on the Albert Lea route on the 27th, ran into a snow-drift near Ely, Iowa, twelve miles from Ceder Rapids, early on the morning of the 28th. Before the drift could be cleared away, a freight engine drawing a caboose dashed into the rear of the train, telescoping the dining-car and crushing the ends of nearly all the cars on the train, as well as damaging the second engine, the train being a double-header. Several people were severely injured, and many suffered bruises, but none were killed. An express train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad was wrecked on the 29th at Jeddo. The engine tumbled down a 36-foot embankment, and two coaches were thrown across the track. The engineer and fireman jumped off in time to escape uninjured, and the passengers suffered nothing more than a fright and a shake-up. Henry Blair, an old Pennsylvania stage driver, was run over and killed by the cars at Carbondale, Pa., on the morning of the 29th.

—Patrick O'Brien, 36 years old, was found huddled in a doorway in Cincinnati, on the evening of the 28th, apparently just about to freeze to death after a debauch. He was taken to the station house and upon searching him the officers found $8000 in money and $6000 in checks payable to him, besides a valuable gold watch and diamond jewelry. The locality in which he was found is one of the worst in the city.

—Henry Wise, a farmer, while returning home with a team near Austin, Texas, on the 28th, fell out of his wagon while crossing a muddy bottom, and his head and shoulders were buried in the mud. His body was found frozen, and the mules were also frozen to death while standing in the mud beside Wise's body. This is the first fatality from freezing ever reported in this section. Near Stockbridge, Wisconsin, on the 29th, Gordon De Grot was found frozen to death, and his uncle, Daniel De Grot, was found unconscious, in a farm yard where they had strayed while drunk.

—At St. Francis, Arkansas, William Herrig, a wealthy planter, had been for some time jealous of attentions paid to his wife by William Matthewson, and had forbidden the latter to come to his house. This was disregarded by Matthewson, who, on the 27th, called and invited Mrs. Herrig to take a drive with him. While the woman was getting ready, her husband shot and killed Matthewson, and then compelled his wife to drive to Matthewson's house with the body. On her return she found her home in flames, and was shot dead by her husband, who then fled. Mrs. Herrig was formerly an actress, and at one time belonged to Pauline Markham's Company.

—A violent windstorm struck Frederick, Maryland, on the morning of the 29th. Houses were unroofed and trees uprooted. Several wagons were lifted and dashed to the roadside. Much damage is reported throughout Frederick county.

—A mixed train on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, consisting of seven freight and two passenger cars, broke through a thirty-foot trestle at St. Petersburg, Penna., on the evening of the 30th ult. The engine alone remained on the bridge. The wreck caught fire from the car stoves, and was consumed. Strangely enough, no person was killed and only six were dangerously injured, as follows: James Hulings, Edenburg, Penna.; A. Kisson, Elk City, Penna.; John Atkinson, Parker, Penna.; D. Hilliard, Edenburg; W. Hann, St. Petersburg, and D. White, Foxburg.

—A passenger train on the Clearfield and Jefferson Railroad ran off the track near Great Bend, Penna., on the 30th ult, and a car containing twenty persons went over a bank. Six een persons were injured, but only one, John Kelley, a railroad contractor, of Punxsutawney, dangerously.

—A son of W. O. Monnett, was shooting at a target with a rifle, in Norwalk, Ohio, on the evening of the 29th ult. His sister, aged 3 years, who was standing by, was accidentally shot and killed.

—William Herrig, who murdered his young wife and her lover near St. Francis, Arkansas, on the 29th ult., was hanged on the evening of the 29th ult., by a band of vigilantes. His wife's stage name was Julia Bennett. John Connow, a saloon keeper, has been arrested in El Paso, Texas, for beating his wife almost to death with a chair on the 25th ult. He also struck her twice with a chair on the morning of the 26th ult., while she was lying in bed helpless from the wounds inflicted the day before. In the first attack, besides bruising and cutting her, he broke her breastbone, her right arm, her nose and two of her ribs, one of the latter penetrating the right lung.

—Governor Beaver, on the 30th ult., issued a proclamation announcing that the total amount of the State debt cancelled for the year ending November 30, 1887, amounted to $1,418,511. At the close of the same year the total debt amounted to $15,840,471 28, and the assets of the Sinking Fund to $10,684,362 43. This leaves Pennsylvania with a debt of $5,156,108 85.

—The dry goods store of H. B. Miller & Brother, at East Aurora, New York, was robbed of $1800 on the evening of the 27th ult. John Nelson, a former watchman for the firm, was suspected, and on the 29th ult. "a man's footprints in the snow which fit Nelson's feet exactly were traced to the blacksmith shop on Hamlin's stock farm, and a diligent search revealed the money, which was hidden in a grain bin." Nelson was arrested. On the evening of the 29th ult. four armed and masked men entered the post office and general store of C. F. Thompson & Co., at Finleyville, fifteen miles from Pittsburg, and at the point of the revolver compelled the clerk to open the safe. They took from the safe $600 in cash and $50 worth of postage stamps, and after binding and gagging the clerk rode away. About $19 worth of the stamps were found on the road near Pittsburg on the morning of the 30th ult.

—While a number of little children were attending the holiday celebration of the Haymarket Mission in Chicago on the evening of the 30th ult., a youngster, attempting to poke the fire in the hall, overturned the stove. The Superintendent, Richard D. Lay, thoughtlessly yelled fire, and a panic followed. The children became wedged in a narrow stairway, and about fifty were bruised and trampled upon. Three little girls were so badly injured that their recovery is not expected.

—During a fight in a saloon in Hecla, Dakota, kept by Reynolds, Donovan & Head, revolvers were used. Head shot Reynolds in the abdomen, inflicting a fatal wound and was himself shot in the leg and pounded on the head with a beer glass. He is thought to be fatally injured.

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The Welsh onion should be sown in the Fall.

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PROVISIONS—		
Beef city fam M	8 00	@ 9 00
Hams	16 50	@17 50
Pork Mess	15 00	@15 50
Prime Mess, new	14 50	@ — —
Sides smoked	9¼	@ 10
Shoulders smoked	6¾	@ 7
do in salt	5¾	@ 6¾
Smoked Beef	12	@ 13
Lard Western bls	— —	@ 7 —
Lard loose	6 50	@ 6 75
FLOUR—		
West. and Pa. sup	50	@ 2 75
Pa. Family	70	@ 3 80
Minn Clear	1	@ 4 25
Pat. Wnt Wh's	35	@ 4 75
Rye Flour	3 25	@ 3 35
GRAIN—		
Wheat No. 1 red	—	@ — —
Rye	—	@ — —
Corn, No. 2 White	—	@ — —
No. 3	—	@ — —
Oat, No. 1 White, new	—	@ — 36
No. 2 do new	36½	@ — 36¾
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FISH—		
Mackerel, Large 1s	40 —	@ — —
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Powdered	6¾	@6 13-1
Granulated	6¾	@ —
Confec. A	6¾	@ —
HAY AND STRAW—		
Timothy, choice	15 50	@16 00
Mixed	13 50	@ — —
Cut Hay	14 50	@15 00
Rye Straw	16 50	@17 —
Wheat Straw	— —	@ — —
WOOL—		
Ohio, Penna. and W. Va. Fleece XX and above	33	@33
Common	30	@28
Unwashed medium	28	@26

MOURNING THIEVES.

Women Who Attend Funerals to Steal Costly Articles.

"No, madam, you cannot enter," said the usher gently but firmly. "The funeral is strictly private, and no one without a card is to be admitted."

"She was a dear friend of mine," said the woman, and a dainty white handkerchief with a broad band of black was slowly raised to wipe away the dewy mist that obscured her sight. "Can I not see her once more?" There was a deep pathos in the tone and a plaintive sob came from behind the linen, while a tear drop slowly coursed down her pale cheek.

The heart of the usher softened. He was only a young man, and she looked almost charming in her apparent distress, so he allowed her to enter. Tiptoeing softly into the parlor where no one but an aged lady was sitting, she bent over the open casket as if to take one long last look of the departed. Then, while convulsive sobs shook her form, she moved a few paces and leaned against the mantel, upon which was placed a large amount of valuable bric-a-brac. Here she remained for a moment with a look of sadness upon her countenance befitting the occasion, while her lips trembled with suppressed grief. The old lady was intently studying the pattern of the carpet, and when the visitor slowly left the room with lowered head made no note of her departure. Once outside and away from the house, her steps quickened, and ten minutes later a valuable piece of bisque ware was handed over a pawnbroker's counter, while the clerk slowly counted out the requisite change.

When the funeral was over and the family once more alone, the loss was discovered only to be charged against some one of the servants, or perhaps, kept a secret through fear of offending some of those present by a searching inquiry.

"Funeral sneak thieves are becoming more and more numerous," said a well known private detective recently. "They are always females as the heavy drapery of their clothing affords ample opportunity for concealing small articles. They scan the daily papers closely, note the principal deaths, and when the time arrives play off the 'dear friend' racket to perfection. As they are generally quite pretty, and the beauty they naturally possess is considerably enhanced by the sombreness of their attire, they succeed in nine cases out of ten in securing admission, no matter how private the funeral services may be. Once inside they cry a little if necessary, and watch their chance of stealing anything of value in the room. Having succeeded, they make their departure as quickly, yet decorously as possible, and without tarrying a minute for fear of possible detection and pursuit, pawn the stolen article.

"When the room is full of people the sneak thief proceeds very cautiously, often waiting until the prayer is being made before endeavoring to secure anything. None of those present pay any attention to her actions, thinking that she is a friend of the bereaved family. In some cases articles which are missed from upper rooms have been taken by these women.

"An up town lady recently placed a valuable ring upon the finger of her dead daughter, only to find when she looked at her before the lid was screwed down that it was gone. In this instance suspicion immediately attached to a woman whom no one present knew, but who had been noticed bending over the casket a few minutes before. She was called into another room, and when accused of the theft calmly handed over the ring. In order to avoid a scene she was allowed to go. In other cases, however, these vampires have succeeded in removing jewelry from the dead and escaping with it."

Girlish Figures Spoiled by Athletics.

It is the athletic girl, the new type of girl who goes in for nearly all the sports her brother takes up, who is, if she has previously cultivated her figure, the worst deformed girl of all. There is nothing like athletics and corsets, mixed or in alternate doses, to bring out the possibilities of curves, twists and abnormal developments in a modern girl. All British femininity is at present engaged in screaming contradictions at Labouchere because he had the hardihood to declare that tennis playing girls were crooked. In a half dozen groups at Central Park the other day I picked out four players whose right shoulders were noticeably of different shape from the left, and six or seven in whom the same thing, though less obvious, had begun to manifest itself, the summer exertion enlarging the muscles and light clothing thrusting them out of place and accentuating the uneven development of the body. Girls who row in corsets are a curious sight, the extra muscular development all taking place high up, where the blood has a chance to circulate, and making the shoulders tower above the rest of the body.

Rather Difficult to Believe, Even of Washington Society.

Young women sometimes do queer things, but seldom does one venture on such a remarkably bold line of action as one young person did in Washington city while at a dinner party not many moons ago. During a lull in conversation she quietly remarked to the young gentleman who took her to the dinner:

"Let me see your pocket-book." Not knowing what to make of such a peculiar request, the young man quietly produced his pocket-book and handed it to her. She took it, calmly opened it, and took out a roll of bills amounting to $200, all the money it contained. Then saying to her victim, "I will buy me a ring to-morrow," she as calmly handed back the empty leather case to him and put the money in her own pocket.

The man preferred to lose the money rather than to press his claim for it upon her relatives, and submitted to what was simply a piece of barefaced robbery.

The Decay of the Clown.

There is obvious truth, and not a little of pathos, in the declaration of Mr. Forepaugh's advance agent that "the day of the clown is nearly over." He has had a long and pleasant reign of popularity, but the mildew is beginning to gather upon him in a distinct way at last, and early oblivion awaits him beyond any doubt. It is not his fault that fate is thus about to crack all his chestnuts in cruel mockery and silence his familiar songs forever. The case is simply one of outlived usefulness and power to charm. His procession has passed by, and he lags superfluous, or, in other words, the remorseless logic of evolution has taken away his occupation, and there is nothing left for him, accordingly, but tame submission to the rule of "the survival of the fittest." He is not to be refused the right of wondering in his grotesque fashion if he is really less worthy to endure than many other of the forces of civilization which seem to have an assured continuance; but with all his wondering he would yet face the ugly fact that the world has made up its mind to do without him, His salary, we are told, now ranges as low as $20 a week, where he would once have scorned to take less than $100, and a few more summers of poor pay and public indifference will suffice to utterly abolish him.

It is a bitter irony of fortune, surely, that one who has done so much to perpetuate stale stories and conundrums should finally be himself cast aside as a joke that has been carried far enough. The time was, he can easily remember, when all classes flocked to the circus mainly for the purpose of laughing at his venerable witticisms and immemorial trick of grasping himself after the manner of one who suddenly discovers that he has eaten too much watermelon. No hint reached him then that there was the remotest danger of decay in his happy and prosperous calling. He wagered bottles of wine with the ring-master in a spirit of carelessness as to expenses that was a persistent defiance of ill-luck, and when he mounted his wagon drawn by the kicking pony, his countenance shone with a confidence both in his present and his future, which every spectator secretly envied. To be a clown in those days was to be a king in the realm of amusement. The most daring bareback rider, the most skillful acrobat, the most adroit juggler, even the "queen of the arena" herself, could not compete with him for a moment. He was master of the situation. All other public favorites stood aside for him, and the applause that he gained could not have been greater had he been the surpassing prop and hope of the nation's life.

He has not yet actually departed, to be sure—this queer-striped and ridiculous figure; but he is vanishing so swiftly and unquestionably that it is permissible to speak of him in the past tense and ask him, as it were, to make personal grimaces at his own funeral. His decay cannot possibly be arrested, and he lingers merely upon the order of his going when he might better go at once, and thus shorten his humiliation.

An Adventure.

It was a giddy, gushing girl from New York, with an amplitude of bang and a scarceness of vocabulary, which showed at once her romantic tendencies. She was traveling in a stage coach in one of the sparsely settled regions of the country.

"Oh!" she said to her mother, "I do wonder whether we are going to make this whole trip without even the sign of an adventure. Wouldn't it be horrid."

Her mother informed her that she didn't have much common sense, but the girl didn't seem to mind it in the least. In the course of the next hour, however, the coach stopped suddenly and the muzzle of a pistol was shoved through the door.

"Sorry to trouble you, ladies," said the man whose head followed the pistol, "but if you've got any valuables, them's what we want, an' we're a little pressed for time."

"Oh, mamma, at last we have found a real highwayman," said the girl with a delighted shriek.

"You're a real live robber, aren't you?"

"Well, I reckon that's what I'm called."

"And you tell people to hold up their hands, and say, 'your money or your life,' to them, don't you?"

"I hev done so, Miss. But I ain't got no time to talk. I'll have to ask—"

"How lovely! Just come right in and sit here beside me."

"Ye see, Miss, I'm here on business, an' I'll trouble you—"

"No, you won't trouble us at all. Just come in, we won't hurt you. I just dote on robbers."

The highwayman had dropped his pistol and was beginning to look apprehensive.

"Do you have to go away and rob somebody?" she inquired, naively. "I hope you will not run away, because I'm just beginning to get acquainted with you. I always said I would hug the first real robber I—"

But the stage door slammed shut and the highwayman fled.

A Valuable Gown.

The old door-keeper of the Hotel Milan at Florence, Italy, named Salvador Cechinic died recently and left his property to his nephew. The latter came and looked about in the dingy porter's lodge and was much dissatisfied at not finding anything worth carrying away. The deceased had for years worn an old gown made of coarse cloth and had never changed his attire in winter or in summer. The nephew took up the gown and threw it down again in disgust. As it slipped from his hand he felt some hard object striking him, and, taking up the gown again, he felt there was a thick paper parcel in it. It was sewed under the lining. Cutting the folds he found seventy-five government bonds in it of the value of about $30 each. That gown was no longer treated with disrespect.

Bitternut is very rapid, growing on moist soils even if the soil is thin.

From Cradle to Coffin.

We rock the cradle gayly, and swing it to and fro,
A new life sleeps within it. In tender tones and low,
A mother soothes to slumber, in love-notes soft and mild,
While held in sleep and safety there rests an earth-born child,
As we rock the cradle gayly.

We lay aside the cradle, the bird its nest has flown,
And spread its pinions boldly, to make its way alone;
To fly, to fall in sorrow, or rise and keep its way,
Mid toils, temptations, triumphs, fair fruitage of life's day,
As we lay aside the cradle.

We bend above the coffin, another soul has fled—
The earthly fight is over, is won or lost, and dead
The babe who in the cradle first knew of earthly strife,
And there, with hands close folded, lies all we know of life,
As we bend above the coffin.

PAMELA.

Mme. Launoy was just putting on her hat, preparatory to going out to attend a display of fall goods, advertised extensively by a fashionable dry goods store.

Just at this moment she heard the front door bell ring loudly.

Mme. Launoy looked at the clock.

"Why, it is not 2 yet," said she to herself. "Who can it be coming so early? It isn't my reception day, anyhow, and beside I am not expecting anybody."

The door was opened hastily. An elderly lady, with a figure which was still slender, and sparkling eyes, entered without being announced.

"Maman!" exclaimed Mme. Launoy, "I was just going to stop at your house on returning from the Bon Marche. I haven't seen you for three days. Will you go shopping with me? The papers advertise a fine silk at six francs forty. It is a great bargain, it seems."

"It is a fine time to be talking about silks," exclaimed Mme. Martellier in a voice that seemed full of coming events. "Daughter, I wish to speak to you about a very serious matter."

"Oh! my gracious! I had not noticed; your face is not the same as usual. What has happened to you?"

"To me, nothing—that is to say, nothing personally. But as everything relating to you"——

"To me! Why, what has happened to me? Speak quickly. You frighten me."

"Well, poor child, you see"——

Mme. Martellier stopped for a second; then changing her tone she said:

"By the by, I have a hack at the door. Let's go down; we can talk just as well while riding."

"But, mother, I would like you to tell me."

"Let's go down first."

A carriage was standing before the residence of Mme. Launoy. The two women got into it after Mme. Martellier called out to the driver:

"Thirty-eight Princess street."

As soon as the carriage started Mme. Martellier took her daughter's hands in hers with a look of compassion, saying: "Poor darling! I foresaw it all a year ago, when you were so anxious to marry that Mr. Achille Launoy! I thought the time would come when you would regret having done so."

"My husband! It is about my husband you speak. That tranquillizes me a little. I know you don't fancy my poor Achille, although he is always as kind as can be to you."

"He, kind to me! In what, pray?"

"Why, when we got married, did he not at your request give up certain habits that displeased you, although it made no difference to me?——Anyhow, mamma, I warned you that if you have anything to say about my husband I will not believe you without proofs."

"As you like! After all, I am too kind to be worrying about your affairs. I shall order the driver to go to Sevres street! Go and buy your silk and let matters rest as if I had said nothing."

"No! No! Forgive me, I was wrong. But tell me to whose house are we going on Princess street."

"You will soon learn! And as you find I have never been very enthusiastic over Mr. Launoy you will be compelled to acknowledge that I had good cause for my prejudice. Do you remember, Valentine, what I often told you when you used to tire me out with your endless repetitions about the gentleman, that he was not the kind of a man I wished to see you wedded to?"

Yes, I remember——I remember! But still, mamma, what has my poor Achille been doing wrong?"

"What has he been doing? Why, nothing at all, except that, although you have been his wife barely a year, he has been deceiving you during the last two months."

"Achille? deceiving me?" exclaimed Valentine.

And forgetting the respect due her mother, she added laughingly:

"Don't talk nonsense, mother! I will answer for his virtue as readily as—I would for your own!"

"Oh, pshaw! You are foolishly blind——. When I tell you"——

"First say what you tell me."

"That's so. I haven't indulged the secret to you as yet. Well, here are the facts: First, you must know that Annette—you remember Annette, don't you?"

"One of your former chambermaids?"

"Exactly! Well, Annette wrote to me three days ago that she had lost her place, and that she was seriously ill. She gave me her address, No. 37 Princess street. Wishing to assure myself of the truth of the statement, I went yesterday to the given address, and found that Annette's condition was just as she had said."

"What next, maman; what next?"

"I am getting to it, Valentine," continued Mme. Martellier, looking out through the carriage window.

"We shall soon reach Princess street, because we are now crossing the Boulevard St. Germain. Well, just as I was leaving Annette's, I saw, entering the house opposite, No. 38, a gentleman who, from behind, resembled your husband very closely."

"Probably he went into that house on business!"

"Wait a while! Of course there would be nothing strange in Mr. Launoy's knowing somebody in that house. But, Valentine, you must know that a mother's heart always has misgivings, and something seemed to tell me that I was on the trail of a mystery, and when your husband, for it was really he, disappeared in the stairway, I could not help crossing over and entering the house."

"And then?"

"The doorkeeper's box is on the left hand side, going in. A woman was in it. 'Excuse me, madam,' said I, 'but will you tell me if you know the gentleman who has just passed in—I would like to find out whether I am mistaken.' And I carelessly took a five franc coin from my purse. On seeing this the concierge beamed her most gracious smiles upon me.

"'Of course I know him,' said she. 'It is Mr. Achille, one of our tenants'

"'Mr. Achille—who?'

"'I only know him by his given name, madame. He inhabits a room on the first floor, which he rents from Mme. Marin, the seamstress, who leases the whole floor. He doesn't sleep there. He only comes daily at 5 o'clock, and remains a few minutes. But, without being too inquisitive, madame, may I ask why you inquire about Mr. Achille?"

"To this question I gave an evasive answer, and not wishing to inquire further for fear of arousing the suspicions of the concierge, I gave her the five francs and withdrew. Now, will you still accuse me of slandering your husband?"

Overwhelmed with grief, Valentine, after a moment of silence, replied:

"Yes, indeed, you must be right."

And then she added, as if against her will:

"And yet, if in all this there was something else instead of treachery. Why did you not ask that woman what kind of people my husband received in that room?"

"Why, I have just told you that I did not want to arouse her suspicions, so as to make her talk all the more today."

"Yes, that's so; you are right! Is that infernal street still far?"

Just then the hack came to a stop.

"Here we are before the house," said Mme. Martellier.

"Very well! Let me get out alone. It is best that the concierge should not see you at first. By the by, what time is it?

Mme. Martellier looked at her watch.

"Three o'clock!"

"Oh, then, there is no danger of meeting my husband!"

Valentine opened the hack door, got down and boldly entered the gate.

Mme. Martellier remained alone about ten minutes, when Valentine returned, pale and nervously agitated. In entering the hack she called out to the hackman:

"Driver, take us to Luxembourg gardens."

The hackman whipped up his horse and then started off at a rapid pace.

"Well, darling!" inquired Mme. Martellier.

"You were quite right in your conjectures, mother. I am almost sure that he is deceiving me. He, Achille! No; I must be dreaming!"

"Now you see!" exclaimed Mme. Martellier, triumphantly. "But why do you say almost sure? Have you found no positive proofs?"

"No. And yet it amounts to nearly the same thing. To induce that woman to speak, I gave her all the money I had on me—five louis—which I had taken to buy a dress. Oh! I never thought I would have used that money to bribe a portress. Well, the fact is that, as you already know, my husband spends twenty or thirty minutes daily in the room which he rents from Mme. Marin."

"Yes, but with whom does he spend the time? That is the question."

"All alone!"

"Eh! did you say?"

"Just what you have heard—all alone! The portress says that he never goes to the house with anybody; that no one has ever inquired about him except a wicked looking old lady, who went there yesterday and questioned her about Mr. Achille. By the lady, I suppose she must have meant you, maman."

"But if he goes without company, and if nobody ever asks for him, what in the world can your husband go to that house for? One may suppose all kinds of things."

"Wait a minute. About a week ago, as the concierge was standing at the door, Achille came up with a friend, who left him, saying, in a roguish manner:

"'Goodby, old fellow, I leave you to Pamela.'"

"Ah! there now! that's the secret," ejaculated Mme. Martellier. "Pamela! Some wretch living in the house, I suppose, who, not daring to receive him in her apartments, comes down to the famous first floor room."

"That is just what I thought too."

"What a Machiavelli I have for a son-in-law!"

"Here we are at the Luxembourg. Settle with the driver, maman—I haven't a sou left. Let us walk about now for an hour—no, not quite an hour, only forty-five minutes."

"And in forty-five minutes?"

"Then we shall return to Princess street. I am anxious to know the full facts of the case."

After sending away the hack, Valentine and her mother started down one of the paths running along the side of the palace and leading to the main alley. There they resumed their conversation.

"Pamela!" repeated Mme. Launoy; "Pamela! What a horrid name! Nowadays no woman with any self respect would call herself Pamela."

"Formerly I knew several persons bearing that name," said Mme. Martellier. "Even one day at Longchamps I wore a hat known as the Pamela and it created quite a sensation. But let's return to our subject—that is, to your husband. Do you really intend to return to Princess street by and by?"

"Of course! Mme. Baudru—ah! I had forgotten to tell you that the name of the concierge at No. 38 is Mme. Baudru—has promised to conceal us both in a small cabinet with a glass door adjoining Mr. Launoy's secret bower. In there, we shall both hear and see what goes on."

"Yes, but suppose"——

"I shall go alone, if you prefer it."

"No, indeed," replied Mme. Martellier, spiritedly. "I could not think of abandoning you to the anger of that monster, who, on seeing that you have found out what orgies he was revelling in, might be capable of injuring you."

"A monster! Achille, a monster! Mother, believe me, I can't realize it!"

Mme. Baudru's little Swiss clock was just striking the quarter to 5, when she conducted the mother and daughter to Achille's secret bower, as Valentine had called it. The worthy concierge had an extra key, by means of which she entered in the morning to air the room.

A few seconds before 5 Mr. Launoy appeared.

With a happy countenance he took off his hat and overcoat. Then going to a cupboard he took from it a superb pipe splendidly colored, a pack of Caporal and a box of matches. After filling the pipe with care, he lighted it and sat down in an arm chair. Half closing his eyes, he puffed away with a look of satisfaction that could hardly be described by words.

Through the door, purposely left ajar, Valentine heard her husband murmur in a sort of ecstasy:

"How good it is, Lord, how good it is! When I think that old she goat, Mme. Martellier, made me promise to give up smoking. So as not to set Valentine and her mother at odds—I kept my word—as long as I could; ten long months! Then, when I could stand it no longer, I took you back, my little Pamela—good old pipe that I was so fond of in my student's days."

A cry sounded from the cabinet, the door of which was opened abruptly.

"Valentine! Mme. Martellier!" exclaimed Mr. Launoy, wildly.

And he tried to hide the forbidden pipe.

"No! darling," said Valentine; "don't hide it! Bring it with you. You may smoke it at the house as much as you please. Pamela and I will get on well together."

And she joyously kissed Achille, who gazed upon her with a bewildered look, while Mme. Martellier, with a dark scowl on her countenance, growled at the entrance of the cabinet:

"Old she goat! To think that I gave five francs to Mme. Baudru and threeten to the hack driver, just to hear myself called an old she goat!"

Drive the Druggist Crazy.

While waiting for a horse car one night a gentleman dropped into a drug store. Presently a little fellow came in with a note which he gave to the clerk, who laughed, did up a small box of cachous, put a dime in the till, and then passed the note over to his customer. It read:

"Send me something to take tobacco out of my mouth."

"That note," said the clerk, "is from a printer, and is a fair sample of the many queer orders we receive. I don't suppose there is any business in which a man is asked for more peculiar things than in the drug business. But we generally guess pretty nearly what is wanted, and really get along very well."

"If that note had come to me," said the gentleman, "I should have sent the fellow a corkscrew."

"No doubt, but you are not a druggist. What would you send in receipt of this order?" and he handed down from a file a note that read:

"I want some of that smellin' stuff what goes through your brain."

"I give it up."

"I knew at once what was wanted—it was ammonia. The note really describes the effect of inhaling it very well. I get a note once in awhile, though, that bothers me. Here is one of them:

"Please send me enough stuff to throw up a girl four years old.

"The man wanted an emetic. The dose was for a girl aged four years. Another note that bothered me was this one:"

"I want something for a caustic."

"I was wrapping up some nitrate of silver when all at once it struck me that the order was for a purgative, and I asked the boy who brought the note what ailed his father. Cramp, he replied, and then I was sure. Caustic should have read costive. A post-office employe sent over here last winter saying:

"The old woman's got a bad cough and she can't cough; send me something for it."

"Another sent word 'that his wife and two little girls were down with the chills and wanted the very best thing I had that would kill them.' Of course, he meant the chills. A lady sent only to-day for a plaster 'to take the stitches out of her back.' Orders for 'the essence you put people to sleep with when you're going to cut off their legs' call for chloroform or ether. 'Something for a woman whose appetite is loose on her, means she wants a tonic, as she is losing her appetite. Then there are orders for 'something for a sore baby's eyes,' 'a baby's top for a nursing bottle,' and the like. The greatest, however of these peculiar orders, is the one which calls for 'something what I have forgot the name of, but it's a sure cure for dyspepsia,' or any other common ailment. To such I always send our preparation."

No Chance for Improvement.

"Did I understand you to say that you had had considerable experience with the Indians in the west?" inquired a man on an eastern train of a tall stranger.

"Yes, I suppose I have,"

"What do you consider the outlook for their civilization?"

"Poor, very poor. They don't seem to learn anything. Why, sir, only last week I traded one of the most intelligent of them an old horse, blind in both eyes and crippled up generally, for two good ponies, and he never knew he was cheated. I can't understand why it is the Indian doesn't improve more."

"Well, that looks bad for them, sure enough. I suppose you have a ranch near one of their reservations?"

"Oh, no, I'm no rancher," replied the stranger, as he threw his leg over the arm of the seat; "no I'm a missionary, I was sent out by the William Penn Missionary Society, of Philadelphia, and have been laboring among the red brethren for the last 20 years."

ANACONDA'S BATH.

A Strange Sight Witnessed in a Bowery Museum.

I saw three of the biggest snakes ever known in captivity given a bath the other day. It was in a Bowery museum, to which a leather-lunged and ragged young man on the sidewalk invites the passing throng to come and sup their full of horrors. In a room upstairs there was a long glass case containing, perhaps, six or eight anacondas. These were lolling sleepily about with their wicked-looking eyes half shut, and their glossy, mottled bodies tied up in bow-knots together. The hoarse-voiced gentleman in charge of them descanted volubly upon their life and habits.

It was a very common mistake to suppose that snakes in captivity were kept under the influence of drugs, he said. They were always sleepy after they had been fed, and persons who had to handle them took care that they were fed often and regularly. That was why snakes in museums were always seen to be enjoying a sort of dignified ease instead of getting up and smashing things to pieces, as they might easily do if they could get their muscular bodies around anything. That was the reason why snake charmers could handle their snakes with impunity. He wanted to know if I wanted to see the snakes take their baths. He said there was not a particle of danger and it was a very interesting sight, and when I had secured a safe line of retreat by getting part way down stairs I told him to go ahead. Two assistants brought in a big tub, bigger than a Harlem washtub, and put about three feet of water in. They tried the temperature several times with thermometers, and when they had made it at 70° they told the chief of the lavatory that they were ready.

"We heat the water to 70°, so that it will be exactly the same as the temperature of their cage," said he. "You see that the bottom of the cage is carefully lined with thick flannel. Under it are a lot of oil lamps, which are kept always burning. Their heat is distributed by pipes all over the bottom of the cage. The snakes are so very sensitive to cold that lowering the temperature 10° would kill them. That is why snakes are the hardest of all animals to be kept alive in captivity. It requires incessant watchfulness to see that the temperature is just right for them."

With that he beckoned to one of his assistants and approached the cage. In one side was a little sliding door. He knocked that back noiselessly and slowly advanced both hands in the cage. One of the biggest of the snakes was lying alone in the centre, with its long tail twisted about in curious fashion. The chief's right hand moved slowly until it was right over the head of the creature. Then it made a sudden descent and clutched the snake firmly about the slender neck, just behind where its ears would be if it had ears. The anaconda gave a squirm of indignant surprise and reared up its tail as though it was going to fight about it. Before it had time to make any trouble the chief's left hand grabbed it about three feet from its tail. Giving a dexterous twist, he threw the loop between his hands over one arm, and then he had his snakeship at his mercy.

The chief drew back slowly, so as not to disturb the other snakes, and in another minute had the big monster out into the air. One of the assistants seized the loop of its body, and the two bore it, trying feebly to struggle, to the tub and plunged it in. As soon as it struck the warm water the serpent stopped wriggling and sank in quiet enjoyment to the bottom. The chief and the assistant did not let go of him. They swashed him gently to and fro as a laundress rinses out a dress. They kept him there perhaps ten minutes. When they lifted him out the other attendant ran up with some towels and gently rubbed the big creature off from head to tail. When he was completely dried off the chief gently insinuated him into the cage again, and letting go suddenly, jerked his hand out of the cage and shut the door.

"We go through this operation every ten days," he said. "If we didn't the anaconda's skin would get dry, crack open, and in a short time he would die. It is a matter of absolute necessity, and not of choice, you may be sure. It's no fun to be lugging the big brutes around. Did you notice how I caught him by the back of the neck? That is the secret of the whole business. When you get hold of a snake there he is practically powerless. In the first place, he doesn't know what to do unless he can get his head around so that he can see what is going on behind him. In the next place, the pressure of the spinal cord and its delicate nerves deadens the sensibility and partly stupefies the snake. You know that a man who is hanged feels no pain after the drop falls, even if his neck is not broken, because of the pressure of the rope on the nerves in the neck. If I should grab him six inches back of where I do, there would be the liveliest thrashing and pounding around that cage you ever heard of, and six men like me couldn't hold the crazy creature."

"Suppose one of your snakes should get away, what would you do?"

"It wouldn't worry us any. That's happened lots of times. As long as the snake doesn't crawl out into the cold and endanger his precious life, we don't care a rap. We just throw a blanket over his head, and, while he is confused and struggling with it, a couple of us rush in and get him by the neck and put him in his cage in a jiffy.

—Patron's stud season closed on July 1.

—The date of the suburban handicap for 1888 has been fixed for June 14.

—Morrissey, the race-horse man, has had a falling out with his trainer, Jim Murphy.

—The Charter Oak Park Association will probably open another stake race for pacers.

—Prince Wilkes is, perhaps, to-day, the brightest among the turf performers.

—The Sheepshead Bay track was very fast last season. A mile in 1.43 was beaten fourteen times.

FASHION NOTES.

—Simple walking costumes have the skirt arranged in thick double plaits at the back, and draped in front only. The bodice is in the shape of a jacket, tight-fitting and double-breasted.

—Indoors young ladies wear bodices of colored surah, golden-brown, red, or navy blue, plaited all round the neck. Below the chest the plaits are no longer sewn down, and fall loose and ample; a surah sash fastened round the waist confines the bodice.

—Close felt hats of the Louis XV and Directoire periods are adorned simply with bows of ribbon and an arrow tipped quill feather or pigeon's wings. Sometimes rosettes of piece velvet are their only ornament.

—The tissues preferred this year for winter toilets are self-colored, striped or chined. The tailor style, simple and correct, remains the beau ideal of modern elegantes, who wear complete costumes of fancy woolen fabric, with jackets of dark blue ribbed cloth, or of fancy cloth, checked or speckled.

—In lingerie several new models claim our notice. One is the large turned-down collar, which is in great vogue. Sometimes it is a mere collar, sometimes it comes down into a ruffle to trim the bodice in front. In either case it is accompanied by a pair of cuffs also plaited, and put on over the lower part of the sleeves.

—The bonnets are made of fine French felt or of velvet, or it may be made of bands of pinked out cloth, like the dress. This is one of the very few ways in which the dress material can be used in accordance with good taste. Ordinary dress materials are in no sense suitable for millinery purposes. Unless the cloth be fine and handsome it is better to make the bonnet of velvet. Regular suitings have no place among millinery goods. They are neither artistic nor appropriate; rarely are they effective or even an approach to good taste.

—The coiffures is still a disputed question, the adherents of the Psyche style being quite as numerous as those of catogan. Some combine both styles, heaping up coils of hair on the top of the head, and massing the rest in a heavy knot in the neck; but this requires an immense quantity of hair. The most usual style at present is to comb up the hair and arrange it in the shape of a diadem, leaving only a few curls or waves to fall over the forehead.

—Bridal dresses remain substantially the same through all changes of fashion and fabric. They follow the cut and draping of ordinary attire in a degree, but rarely are those for persons of acknowledged taste elaborate, or other than rich, plain and simple. "Fusiness" is of all places the most intolerable in wedding apparel. The favorite materials are moire, faille, satin, and, for inexpensive dresses of lighter grades of silk, surah, crepe de Chine, and the like.

—A pretty dress for a young lady is of navy blue woolen material, brocaded with tiny streaks of red silk and trimmed with red velvet. The toilet is composed of an underskirt of navy blue silk, with a balayeuse of red silk showing just beyond the edge. Over this skirt there is a plaited tab placed on the left side, of the same silk as the skirt. Above this a dress of the fancy woolen is artistically draped, and open on the left side over the plaited tab, with two velvet revers, one on each side.

—Fashion allows some rather startling innovation in the way of gold and silver embroideries, laces, nets or fringes, and gilt or silver ornaments on bridal dresses. While this shall be permitted it cannot meet with indorsement from the best authorities. It might be tolerated in the case of wealthy or dashing widows in a second marriage, or of ladies in society who are long past their girlhood, but for the average bride such garnitures are manifestly inappropriate, and in bad taste, and should not be encouraged.

—Most of the more elegant evening dresses have princess fronts, with their entire length handsomely decorated in some of the many prevailing fashions. Metal embroidery is one of the leading styles, favor being divided between gold for more delicate shades and white and the effective fire tinted shades that are seen in new passementeries and fringes, and which show the iridescent tints of superheated metals. Very dark olive, blue, steel gray and black are the more effective grounds for these parti-colored garnitures. They are, of course, sometimes used on light tints, but the best taste commends them as previously noted.

—The shape of corsages is as varied as that of bonnets. They are made plain with short basques for wool dresses, sharp-pointed or rounded in front for afternoon toilettes, and open, diagonal, or straight, with plastrons or vests, for evening wear. For the first—that is, woolen dresses—the sleeves are plain, almost tight, with flat trimmings; for afternoon toilettes, if made of pliant stuff, the sleeves are half loose with cuffs, or else close fitting, with Henry II. puffs just above the elbow; for evening dresses the elbow sleeves may be either loose or narrow. With low corsages no sleeves at all are worn—at most a narrow puffing or drapery which bears the slightest possible resemblance to a sleeve.

—Opera cloaks are as varied as are the tastes and means of the designers and wearers. One handsome long garment is of white camel's hair, with gold spots woven of metal threads in the fabric. It is lined with white satin and trimmed with white fox fur. Very heavy, elaborate cords are looped across the front from metal cord ornaments on either side.

Another handsome wrap of brocaded plush is half-long. It is lined with pale rose satin and is trimmed with passementerie of iridescent beads and metal cords, and has drops and fringe of beads and knotted cord.

—Commodore N. W. Kittson declined re-election to the Presidency of the Northwestern Trotting Horse Breeders Association, and John L. Mitchell, of Milwaukee, was elected to fill the office.

HORSE NOTES.

—The St. Louis Jockey Club will hang up $45,000 in purses and added money at its June meeting.

—Jerry Anson, owner of the pacer Toledo Girl (2.15), Martha (2.27½), etc., died at Toledo, O., in December.

—J. D. Morrissey's stable won $35,493 last season, Banburg leading with $18,250. Kaloolah won $13,923.

—Spink, the sire of Captain Lewis, 2.20½, died at Rochester, N. Y., the property of George D. Archer, on December 4.

—Miss Russell's produce for 1887 is a gray filly by Belmont. The famous brood mare is in California, where she was sent to be bred to Electioneer.

—"Knapsack" McCarthy is wintering his string at Alhambra, Cal. He has eight head in his stable, and is delighted with the climate and surroundings.

—Barnum started in 63 races in 188[illegible] but won only about half as much money as he did in 1886, when, with twenty less starts, he captured over $17,000.

—A company of San Francisco capitalists have organized the Pleasonton Stock Farm Company for the purpose of breeding trotters. Director, 2.17, by Dictator, will head the stud.

John Madden purchased of L. R. Bisdon, of Trenton, the b. m. Gypsie (trial said to be 2.31½ to wagon), by Mambrino Patchen (Herr's, dam by Vandal, he by imported Glenco

—John A. Goldsmith, who drove Sable Wilkes when he made his 3-year-old record of 2.18 in California, is on his way East, and will spend the holidays at Walnut Grove with his brother.

—Eleven new 2.30 performers of 1887 are by Happy Medium, eight by Electioneer, eight by George Wilkes, seven by Onward, six by Harold, six by Governor Sprague, and five by Red Wilkes.

—It is reported that the parties in Italy who purchased the b. m. Zoe B., 2.17¼, for $10,000, in 1884, and shipped her to Europe, had offered the Sire Brothers $15,000 for Rosalind Wilkes and were refused.

—Green Morris now denies the statement which was attributed to him that he had concluded not to run Sir Dixon for the Kentucky Derby. His mind, he says, is not yet made up in regard to the matter.

—Walter Gratz has leased the filly Netroma, by imported Highlander, dam Miss Dance by War Dance, to a theatrical company which is shortly to produce "A Run of Luck." The old steeplechaser Trouble is also included in the cast.

—Ed Corrigan ran twenty-four horses last season, won 38 races out of 182 in which his horses started, and captured $34,457 in stakes and added money. Carey was his biggest winner, with $7975 to his credit, and Tennessee was second with $7215.

—The ground purchased near Fordham, in Westchester county, N. Y., a short time since, and which was reported to be intended for a new race-course, was bought for John A. Morris, the new Treasurer of the American Jockey Club, for a stock farm.

—The sale of the stud of the late Lord Wolverton at Newmarket, England, was very successful, high bidding having ruled from the start. Princess Louise Victoria, by Hermit, brought $18,000; Mon Droit, $12,500; Alone, $9250, and Lady Peregrine, $9000. The sale altogether amounted to about $80,000.

—Importations of English-bred animals have of late been attended with such favorable financial results to the shippers that an international horse agency has been started in London, with especial view toward attracting buyers from this side of the water. William Allison is at the head of the enterprise.

—Robert Steel has sold two brood mares, namely, Merry Thought (record 2.22½), by Happy Medium, dam by Blackwood, second dam by Conklin's Star, third dam by George M. Patchen. She is in foal to Epaulet. The other is Graceful (2.23½), by Happy Medium, dam by Hamlet, second dam the dam of Gloster (2.17). Graceful is in foal to Erin.

—The Sire Brothers have bought the ch. g. Scott Newman, by Henry Bell (son of Cuyler) dam by Whirlwind, with a record of 2.27½, from H. Simons, of Louisville, Ky., for $3000, and propose driving him double with Bonnie L. Scott. Newman is usually driven with "blinkers." Put an open bridle on him and he cannot be made to go to the front.

—In 1887 there were sixty-nine miles run in better than 1.43, against 55 in 1886 and 24 in 1885. Stuyvesant's 1.40, with 111½ pounds up, at Sheepshead Bay, September 7, was the best. Burch, carrying one pound more, came within ¼ of that time over the same track on July 2. Stuyvesant ran in 1.40½ with 110 pounds at Sheepshead, June 28, and Jackabin made the same time at Chicago, June 25, carrying 103 pounds. Eolian ran a mile at Sheepshead, September 1, in 1.40¾, carrying 111½ pounds. These were the only horses to beat 1.41. Troubador, Druid and Aurelia just equaled that time.

—The Board of Review of the National Trotting Association disposed of 118 cases during its recent meeting at New York. Among the most important decisions by the Board were the expulsions of Benjamin Nietz for selling the chestnut gelding Dan to Mr. Matthew Riley as having no record; Bernard Bowse, for ringing the chestnut stallion Standard Bearer as Circulator, and Samuel Gallagher, for bush-whacking with Maud A. The veteran Pete Manee was also hauled over the coals for an irregularity. Messrs. Johnson, Axworthy and Hill were appointed a Committee on Rules, to report at the February Congress. President Grant was directed to issue a circular to members advising them not to give proxies until after due reflection. Judge Grant will not accept re-election under any circumstances. Major Johnson will probably be a candidate for the presidency. The Board adjourned to meet at Chicago in May.

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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CENTRE HALL, PA. THURS, Jan. 5, 1888.

TERMS:—One year, $1.50, when paid in advance. Those in arrears subject to previous terms.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

——Our devil took a jaunt to Williamsport over Christmas.

——Mrs. Wm. Snyder, of Spring Mills, gave the Reporter a New Year's call.

——The Centre Hall band cleared about $125, from the festival held during the holidays.

——Esq. Boal advertises the John Love property, at public sale. See ad. in Reporter.

——John Minnich, of Spring Mills, gave us a call. Mr. M. is agent for some very useful books.

——Bellefonte is to have a new band, and Recorder Harter will be the leader. He is a good musician.

——That veteran Ferguson township Democrat, Shannon M'Cormic, honored our sanctum with a call.

——E. M. Huyett brought a nag from Berks county which he claims can step off a mile in 2:40. Must be a flyer.

—— Will and Cal. Gfrerer, of this place, spent the holidays at Altoona, taking in the sights of the railroad city.

——Dr. Alexander arrived, 24 ult. from Los Angelos, leaving Mrs. Alexander there, to further recuperate her health.

——Green Decker and his party of hunters, killed four deer this season, all bucks. The heaviest one dressed 160 pounds.

——The three 8s have set in—it will be 1000 years—2888—before this happens again. Now wait and see if the REPORTER is not right.

—— Unionville sustained a severe loss on Thursday morning, 22 ult, in the death of one of its leading citizens, Dr. James M. Blair.

——Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Williamsburg, Pa., was unanimously elected pastor of the English Lutheran church, of Lock Haven, to succeed Mr. Glanding.

——All the wells, but one, in Boalsburg are dry. The creek which passes at the one end of town, has been damed up, and the citizens supply themselves from it with water.

——Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keller, of this place, celebrated their silver wedding on Friday 23 ult. No doubt the invited guests had quite a pleasant time, usual upon such happy occasions.

— The festival held by the ladies of the Millheim Lutheran church, on Saturday, 24, netted $47 above expenses. The proceeds will be applied for the purchase of a chandelier for the church.

——A festival will be held in the lecture room of the M. E. church, at Pinegrove Mills, evenings of Jan'y 11, 12 and 13. Refreshments will be served, and proceeds go for the benefit of the church.

——John Rishel, Jr., left on Tuesday morning for Philad., where he will resume his studies in the School of Pharmacy at the University of Pennsylvania. He expects to complete the course by spring.

——Garman's hotel, at Bellefonte, had a big rush during Institute week. From one hundred to one hundred and fifty sat down to each meal, and at night every room was taken. The new hotel is a success.

——On Christmas Rev. Fischer presented each family belonging to his congregation at Centre Hall with a copy of Stahl's Year Book, for 1888, in the church after the services. The book is valuable in church and other kindred statistics.

——Dr. Hoy, of Bellefonte, cures diphtheria and croup by inserting a tube in the throat through which the patient breathes. He has just succeeded in curing a very serious case, that of Roy Brown, of East Bishop street. Dr. Hoy is a young, but very promising and successful physician.

——Tyrone has an ordinance requiring all boys to be at home not later than 7 o'clock in the evening, and the constable is doing his best to enforce it.

This is just what Centre Hall needs—too many youngsters are out at night, when they should be at home studying their lessons.

——Rev. Fischer, of this place, administered the Lord's supper in the Luth. church, at Rebersburg, on last Sabbath morning—preparatory exercises Saturday afternoon previous. In the afternoon Rev. Fischer preached at Madisonburg. The pastor of the Rebersburg Luth. charge, Rev. Lenhart, has been in ill health for some time, and unable to preach.

——Miss Laura Strohm had quite an exciting sleigh ride in our town, on Monday afternoon, following Christmas. A bolt coming loose caused the shafts to drop on the heels of the horse, which ran and kicked, lively for several squares, but Laura held to the ribbons without getting pale and succeeded in turning the horse against the fence in front of Mr. Rishel's, and thus brought the crisis to an end. The damaged shafts were wound with straps, and Laura drove off again.

——The Lock Haven Democrat says: William Barr, son of Harrison Barr formerly a resident of this city, met with a sad accident near Beech Creek station on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Mr. Barr is a brakeman on the local freight, which had been side-tracked waiting for the passenger going West to pass up. When the freight began to move again Mr. Barr attempted to climb on a car but slipped and fell with his left leg under the wheels, smashing it so badly that it had to be amputated.

— Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy spent the holidays at Johnstown. Fred Kurtz, Jr., took a swing around on the railroad circle, via Montandon, Sunbury, Middleburg, Lewistown, Tyrone and Bellefonte, taking in most of those points. Mrs. Wm. Harter, of Aaronsburg, spent Christmas at Centre Hall; Mrs. Jonathan Harter, of Millheim, holidayed at Harrisburg. Prof. Bitner, wife and two children, of Millersburg, Christmased at his father-in-laws, J. D. Murray's, in this town; Mrs. Sarah Harpster spent the holidays at Washington, and, no doubt, shook hands with President and Mrs. Cleveland and perhaps ate turkey with them.

SHAFFER SAYS HE IS AS INNOCENT AS A BABE.

HIS ACCOUNT OF HOW THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED.

A reporter of the Lock Haven *Democrat*, on Friday morning, went to Shaffer's cell in the jail of that city and copied from manuscript the so-called confession. It now appears in print for the first time. It is copied just as he wrote it, neither spelling nor phraseology being corrected:

THE CONFESSION.

Editor Sir: As there has bin so many confessions published by papers in regards to the Culvey murder i will now state for the first and last time that they have all been falce,

but nevertheless here is the only confession and it is writen from my own hand: in the beginning of this confession i Luther J. Shaffer received a letter from J. W. Johnson, at the time being at Wichataw, Kansas; i also received another letter from the same person above stated that letter red as follows:

July 29 '87.
brisben Clearfield Co Pa

Mr. Luther Shaffer

Dear friend i am well hoping these few lines will find yo in the same state of health
friend luther as yo have bin trust worthy to me,
so here is a few seacrets that ar important to me only,
as i had told yo in my last letter at the time yo was in wichataw, Kansas; and i did say that the Culveys had got me out of the narrows,
and i d d state to you in that letter I would have revenge out of them and if it was in hell,
so i will take the advantage of them the same as they did unto me, by going and cleaning the hole family out so i will close for this time

yours ever truly
from your friend John W. Johnson
hublersburg Pa

after receiving this second leter i then started for a point in Nitna valley, at which place i met Mr. Johnson, than an there it was planed about the roberies; nothing said about murdering Culvey's, i then leaving Johnson started for the narrows and don the said roberies that had bin planed by Johnson, and on Saturday eve i was to meet Johnson at cherry run and at the hour appointed i of corse met Johnson at said place; then and there he told me to go to the house of the culvey's, but before me doing so he asked me for the pistol and i handed it to him not knowing wat his intention was at said time i than was to tell mr. Culvey that there was a man on the road with a broken wagon—i of corse don so not thinking about murder or anything of that kind, but i went and told Culvey as above stated, Culvey and i then started in the direction of the road and after crossing the stream of Chery run, the first thing that come to my surprise was Johnson with cocked revolver in hand and at that moment down come Culvey a dead man—this was the first that i knew of the murder and I was not more than two feet from Culvey the ball passing so near me that i could feel the wind of it in my face—i want the people of this land to know that i am no murder but i seen murder commited by the Man named Johnson—but should i have had a pistol on my personal i will say to the publick that this man Johnson would not need know trial in court for he would to this day bee with his companions laying in his grave—

after all this had happened he than don like wise to Mrs. Culvey only more so in regards to his purpose thus ending the murder for the time being—he than handed me the pistol asking me to reload it i don so with the greatest of pleasure—but only for me to defend any more of this kind of work—after i had reloaded he than wanted the weapon the second time to kill the child—i than told him that if he tuch that child that i would shute him so dam full of holes that he would not hold long straw—this remark to him almost started the too of us to fighting but he at this pearied was at my mersey and very well he knew it—i at this momet standing before him with a cocked revolver in my hand and the child to my back i have wished more than one time since that time that i would have shot Johnson dead in his tracks for it would only have bin murder and i of corse stand convicted of murder to this day on a charge that i am as innocent as a child unborn—after this had passed by he and i went into the house he than and there took the watch from the nail and handing it to me i first refused to taking it but he incisting on me saying that he would take the gun so i finally took the watch from his hand and he taking the gun and than starting for Lock Haven—and he started for his home thus ended the work.

as the work is now don i will say that it makes know differens to me if Johnson is convicted or if he will produce witness anough to prove himself clear—but if such should bee the case i will further say that the said witness are of the same carictor that Johnson is and that they are falce ones—

the man Johnson is the instigator of the hole afare and is the one that don the work and not me—and if the publick sees fit to hang me on those circumstances i am willing any day that they are ready it cannot com any to soon for me so i swear by the almighty god the father of us all that the above confession is a true and correct one—and with this confession in my hart will i leave my prison cell for to go the golows and from there to my grave—so may god bless all the people of this country and may you always keep in your harts that you have hung the body of an innocent man—so i will only ask for one more thing and that is this—please only do not hang the sole for god and i would like to have the chance to see if this is the sole of a murder please dont hang the sole is all i ask in the name of god.

(signed) LUTHER J. SHAFFER.

ANOTHER CONFESSION FROM LUTHER SHAFFER.

HOW MRS. CULVEY WAS SHOT, RAVISHED AND AFTERWARDS KILLED BY JOHNSON. THE LATTER A BAD MAN ACCORDING TO SHAFFER.

(*From the Clinton Democrat, Jan. 2nd.*)

The Democrat reporter again visited Shaffer the convicted murderer on Saturday evening and gleaned from him some further particulars in reference to Johnson's connection with the murder. Shaffer still insists that Johnson committed the murder, in regard to that basket of grass, he says Johnson brought it from the corner of the stable to where it was found. Johnson, Shaffer says, struggled with Mrs Culvey and tore her clothes after she had been shot twice. The poor woman, finally exhausted, could struggle no more, and Johnson accomplished his purpose, and then shot her in the head and killed her.

Shaffer says that on Saturday morning prior to the murder he took breakfast at Culvey's house, but that Mrs. Culvey did not recognize him. On Saturday morning he took breakfast in this city, dinner Sunday at Krom's hotel, and supper at Mckibben's restaurant on the Avenuve.

The stories published by *Grit* on Saturday must have come from Johnson and been made up by him and his attorneys in order to clear Johnson. Everything in the *Grit* confession signed by Hollohan as witness, except that which appeared in the Democrat, was copied from Shaffer's history, and the statement of the *Grit's* man that Shaffer acknowledged to him that *Grit's* "True Story" was correct, is a lie.

In talking over the whole matter with the Democrat reporter, Shaffer stated that he had met Johnson after the latter had left Weaver's wood pile, and was on his way home. This was on Friday evening. Then they planned the robberies and were to meet on Saturday evening. Then they separated, Shaffer going toward Cherry Run, in which locality he committed the robberies on Saturday morning. He then took breakfast at Culvey's, Mrs Culvey not recognizing him. After breakfast he went up Cherry Run about a mile and a half or two miles into the woods, where he stayed all day hunting minerals, which he said he knew were there, and some specimens of which were found upon his person when arrested. In the evening he came down to the narrows and met Johnson, according to agreement. Johnson had his face and hands blackened. They then proceeded to the Culvey house, as stated in the confession.

CARD OF THANKS.

MR. EDITOR:

Among the many enjoyable things during the Holidays was the festival held by the Centre Hall Band. We are proud we can say it was a success and are grateful to all who patronized us, and assure them we shall not forget their kindness. We have a desire to thank individually, all who assisted us, but time and space will not permit. We must however from a sense of duty, notice the kindness of Mr. J. O. Deininger, who kindly and free of charge, gave us the use of his hall, (than which there is none better for occasions like ours.) He, to accommodate the Band, went to a great deal of trouble and inconvenience as all his hardware had to be moved and put in out of way places, so that we could use his three rooms. He has our most sincere thanks with the assurance that he will not be forgotten by the Band boys. To each and every one of our cooks, waiters, solicitors, clerks and contributors we say emphatically, THANK YOU. We thank everybody who in any way aided us. Hoping we may be able to repay your kindness,

We Remain Thankfully,
BAND MEMBERS.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

MR. EDITOR:—Would you be kind enough to allow us a few lines in the REPORTER for the purpose of acknowledging a fine musical treat tendered us during the holidays, by one of the best organizations of the kind in this section of the state. On last Friday while engaged in the midst of business, we were attracted by the soul inspiring strains of music which came from the Spring Mills cornet band, who in their handsome uniforms had stationed themselves at our door. We are sorry that we could not return the compliment at the, time and take this means of publicly acknowledging the kindness and also testify to the high character of the music rendered by the Spring Mills boys. To the band members individually, we extend our heart-felt thanks for the treat, and that your future will be attended with success is the wish of the

PHILAD. BRANCH.
Samuel Lewins, Prop.

Bellefonte, Dec. 31. '87.

DEATH OF ROBT M'CORMICK.

Robert McCormick, an old resident of Potter's Mills, died on Monday, 26 ult., after a long illness. Mr. McCormick was afflicted with rheumatism and other ailments, and had been unable to perform any work for several years, in consequence. He was one of a well-known family of McCormicks in this valley.

Mr McCormick was a man much respected in his neighborhood; he was a staunch Democrat all his life-time and a member of the masonic order. His funeral, on Thursday following, at Centre Hill, was largely attended. He was buried according to masonic rites, under charge of Old Fort lodge first.

DOTS.

Uncle Sam Foust has been tempted by the recent snows to bring out the just section of his handsome sleighs.

A pig went for one of Rev. King's fingers, while he tickled the grunter back of the ears. He now carries it in heavy bandages.

The ice crop ripened well last week.

A. S. Pletcher, of near Hublersburg, has been appointed mercantile appraiser The commissioners' attorneyship still hangs fire, ditto the commissioners' clerkships.

Prof. C. L. Gramley led the musical part of the county institute, and did it well.

Miss Meyer and Miss Odenkirk sought their holiday pleasures at Williamsport.

BIRTH-DAY PARTY.

A birth-day dinner was given at the residence of Lieut. Simon Harper, of this place, on 28ult., in honor of his mother, who has now arrived at the ripe age of 83. Mrs. Harper's maiden name was Kramer, and she hails from Miles township being a sister of Joseph, John and Daniel Kramer, well-known citizens of Brushvalley. The aged lady is still fairly well preserved, and we believe all her children yet living were present to do honor to a respected mother in her old age, along with others closely related, who sat around the richly laden board.

DEATH OF JACOB GRAY.

Mr. Jacob Gray, a well known citizen of Halfmoon, died at his home on last Sabbath morning, at 5 o'clock. Mr. Gray had been ill about two weeks. He was the father of Mrs. C. F. Herlacher, of our town. He was twice married and the father of nine children—eight daughters and one son. Five of these daughters are wives of ministers in the Methodist church. He was a Christian gentleman, highly respected, and a devoted member of the M. E. church. He was 86 years of age last July.

A LIVELY LETTER

FROM OUR WIDE-AWAKE CORRESPONDENT AT COBURN.

Our Sunday school entertainment on Saturday evening before Christmas, passed off very quietly, and the children seemed all well pleased with their presents. Miss Cora Ard received a beautiful bible as a gift from the school as a token of appreciation as organist. After the entertainment several of the boys rigged up and started out "bell-snickering, and made things lively for a while, and then started for Millheim to see the sights and called around at the Pink Tea festival, and sampled the oysters and report a good time.

On Monday a sled load of our citizens accompanied by a gentleman from Bellefonte, went up to Geo. Mench to make him a Christmas donation, and were kindly treated by him and lady. No doubt this Christmas will long be remembered by George, as his associates and friends along the line presented him with some $30, which was given him on Sunday morning, through the kindness of our agent, W. H. Kreamer. As the party returned home they called on Jack Sheasly and made him a donation, which was heartily received. That's right boys, remember the poor, as we all know that Mr. Sheasly has been confined for a long time with typhoid fever, and needs help. Everything passed off quietly through the holidays, and all enjoyed themselves.

On next Monday evening our convention will commence; to be conducted by Philip Meyer, assisted by Lowell Meyer, and A. J. Harter as organist. Hope the citizens will take an interest in the convention and make it a success. Singers from a distance are cordially invited and will be boarded free and well cared for. Don't fail to attend the concert on Saturday evening and hear Lowell sing and take a hearty laugh.

On Monday evening after the down train passed, we had Sullivan and Smith fight at the depot. Sullivan knocked Smith out in the first round.

Whitmer's saw mill has blown out and have removed same to West Virginia. Guess they are going to saw black oak, but they forgot to take the mill crew along.

Our old friend Joe is still away; guess he's gone to see his uncle. Mr. Reuben Shaffer, of Mill Hall has rented the hotel, and will occupy the same as soon as Joe moves, which may be pretty soon.

O.K.

SPRING MILLS.

Stephen Soars spent last week at home.

The services over Christmas were largely attended.

Convention at Penn Hall commencing on the 16th.

Misses Bess and Annie Stoughton visited friends in this place.

R. G. Eisenhart and family left on Tuesday to attend the funeral of his mother.

Mrs. Barcroft was in town looking after her business in this place.

Hannah Foster spent a few days in town.

J. D. Long has purchased the house and lot of Mrs. McCool for $660.

Where were the Methodist ministers when the prohibition question was voted at Atlanta, Ga.?

The well intended sociable on Monday night took upon itself the second nature from an oyster supper to a—kiss me quick alleviation—the collateral seems to have been forgotten.

Prof. P. J. Auman is teaching W. A. Krise's school, while he is one of the officiating auditors at Bellefonte.

J. W. Bartges has about completed the painting of the M. E church.

The band was received at Bellefonte last week with great civility.

——Several inches of snow on 28 ult.

——Turkeys will have a vacation now.

——Mind the three 8s, and drop the 7s.

——D. Boozer has a fine line of sleigh bells at lowest prices.

——For a valuable business stand at Oak Hall, read Mr. Kornman's ad. in REPORTER.

——Mr. Barr, of Tyrone, is visiting with out neighbor, Esq. Boal. Mr. Barr is a brother of Mrs. Boal.

——Mother Korman, of Rebersburg, now in her 94 year, was able the other day to walk a few squares to visit a neighbor.

——Commissioner Decker killed 59 deer and 10 bears in his time. He proved equally good in hunting for votes, and brought down the game.

——The funeral of John Rishel, on 24 ult., was largely attended. The I. O. O. F. had charge of the funeral, and accompanied the same in their regalia.

——We are sorry to learn of the illness of our young friend, Ellis Orvis, son of Judge Orvis. The physicians were not positive as to his disease.

——The Millheim town clock is said to have the jumping rheumatism. This is a striking affair. No time, no license and no water—yet the town keeps right on, spite o' all these trifles.

——Had several inches of snow last Saturday, followed by sleet and rain during the night, and Sunday morning found a bed of slush under the snow, which will help the waters some.

——There are still some who did not respond to our call and square up by the time the three 8s were ushered in. Thanks and a Happy New Year to those who did, and a further call to those who didn't. Come, send on the needful.

——The Centre Hall band did the biggest blow on record—pumping music from Friday 23 ult., to end of 1887, to liven up their festival. On Monday after Christmas they were joined by the Farmer's Mills band, who are likewise admirable blowers.

—John T. Lee has closed his job in Bellefonte carriage shops, and will remain here again, with the intention of putting up a shop for himself, his former one having been destroyed by fire. He is a first class mechanic and his buggies and sleighs are the equal of any.

——When you buy clothing don't pay double prices as money saved is money made. Keep this fact before you and when you visit M. Fauble's celebrated Rochester clothing house, Bellefonte, and see their goods and prices, you will know where you can save money and deal with reliable parties. This is a comparatively new business establishment at Bellefonte, yet in the short space of a year has built up a large and increasing trade in ready made clothing and gents' furnishing goods.

FANCY SHOOTING.

Mr. Sober, the champion shootist of America, was in town last Saturday and gave an exhibition of his skill as a marksman. His experiness is truly marvelous, and his feats in hitting the flying mark from any position, are nigh incredible. Yet he does it all the same. Gun over head, sideways, from between legs, single and double shots, with his gun sticking through boxes, kegs, table, etc. He hits every shot Mr. Sober ought to be the next American to go to England. and be wined and dined by royalty, like Buffalo Bill and John L. Mr. Sober's expertness in hitting a flying mark is truly wonderful. In the woods no bird sees Mr. Sober and lives.

The weather was disagreeable, snow falling fast, yet at every shot the blue rock was knocked to pieces, save one or two. Mr. Sober has the honor of coming off victorious in every shooting contest and the crack marksmen of America have bowed to his skill.

The following is his score of Saturday:

No.	Broke	Missed.
1. Single blue rocks from right shoulder	1	0
2. Left shoulder	1	0
3. Gun upside down, overhead	1	0
4. Tossing up gun turning it once around	1	0
5. Changing gun end for end	1	0
6. Taking gun from ground	1	0
7. Cigar box on gun barrel	1	0
8. " " " gun upside down over head	1	0
9. 2x6x10 in box on gun barrels	1	0
10. " " " " gun upside down over head	1	0
11. 5x6x12 in box on gun barrels	1	1
12. " " " " gun upside down over head	1	0
13. 12½lb powder keg on gun barrels	1	0
14. " " " " gun upside down over head	1	0
15. 25lb keg on gun barrels	1	0
16. " " " gun upside dowd over head	1	0
17. gun thro' 25lb keg held out side wise	1	0
18. Box 12x14x16 in on gun barrel	1	0
19. " " " " held out side wise	1	0
20. ½ barrel on gun barrels	1	0
21. " " " upside down over head	1	0
22. 7½lb table on gun barrels	1	0
23. " " " held side wise	1	0
24. Back towards traps gun between legs	3	3
25. Handling gun with one hand one ft.	1	0
26. " " 6x6x12 in box on gun barrels	1	0
27. Handlin gun with one hand and one foot with 12½lb powder keg on gun barrels	2	2
28. Same as above with 25lb powder keg on barrels	1	0
29. Same as above with 12x14x16 in box on barrels	4	0
30. Same as above with ½ barrel on gun barrels	1	0
31. Double blue rocks facing traps placed 28 yds. apart he standing in line between traps breaking one from right and other from left shoulder traps being sprung instantaneous	9	1

Five of the Blue Rocks which were picked up were shot through which was scored as missed—hence there were only two blue rocks actually missed out of 52 shot at.

SCHOOL MARMS.

The young marms who have charge of schools in this county have always been held in esteem for the high standard of integrity and moral worth which they have maintained in their schools and before the public. Model school teachers are always to be desired and are a blessing to rising generations. It would seem to be our last duty to call into question the conduct of a number of these young school teachers, but such is our task.

While attending Institute this year, certain young marms became rather conspicious on account of their conduct at the hotels Flirting and having fun with the boarders, we do not consider a grave breach of decorum, but when young ladies, some of whom were scarcely out of their teens, sit up and spoon in the halls of a hotel until three o'clock in the morning, we must conclude that they have lost all respect for themselves and their reputation, which above all should be beyond suspicion. Several young ladies were guilty of spooning in the hotel corridors until 3 a. m., and would have kept up the circus until morning, had not a timely shirt tail parade by a few male boarders of the same house, stopped the monkeying in the halls and sent them to their rooms where they should have been hours before. Young marms, hereafter take care how you conduct yourself and especially when at a hotel.

ITEMS.

The new Lutheran church at Coburn will cost about $5000.

Ice houses are filled.

Our friend, Ellis Hosterman, is still confined to his home.

Sleighing is good.

The doctors are still kept busy.

Coburn will have a musical convention next week.

The Kramer hotel, at Millheim, is not yet rented.

A number of improvements are in contemplation in our town for next summer.

Samuel Emerick, who superintends a store at Scotia, spent a few days with his family in this place during the holidays.

JOHNSON'S TRIAL.

The trial of Johnson, for the murder of the Culveys, is now going on at Lock Haven. A jury was obtained on Monday, after many challenges.

The testimony heard on Tuesday, from four or five witnesses, was to the effect that they had heard Johnson say, that he would clean out the Culveys, because they crowded him out of the premises occupied by them.

MARRIED.

On the 20th, inst., at Rebersburg, by Rev. J. Dotterer, Mr. James Kling, of Clintondale, Clinton Co., to Miss Catherine J. Hazel, of Madisonburg.

On the 18th, inst. at the home of the bride's parents at Millheim Pa. by Rev. H. S. Basom, Mr. H. N. Fiedler of Madisonburg to Miss Ella R. Swartz of Millheim.

On the 1st, at the Evangelical parsonage, Madisonburg, by Rev. H. S. Basom, Mr. Reuben E. Musser, and Miss Leah S. Mingle, both of Aaronsburg.

On the 22nd ult., at Aaronsburg by Rev. Stambach, Mr. Geo. Zettle and Miss Amelia Rockey, both of George's Valley.

AUDITORS NOTICE.—In the Orphans Court of Centre county, in the matter of the Estate of William Boal, dec'd. The undersigned an auditor appointed by said Court to make distribution of the balance in the hands of John B. Linn, adm'r, to and among those legally entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the borough of Bellefonte, on Friday the 20th day of January, A. D. 1888, at ten o'clock a. m. Parties interested will please take notice. JOHN KLINE, Auditor.

BIG RUSH.

at Powers' shoe store Bellefonte the last few weeks from every section of the county to get bargains in boots and shoes. They carry an immense stock and can show any *style, quality, finish,* and *price shoe* you may want. No one need fear dealing

AT POWERS'

as their word is as reliable as their goods. Another very important point in their favor is that they can beat any shoe dealer in this section for low prices. This is no brag, but a fact. They handle immense quantities of boots and shoes in a season and can sell them at low figures. Don't fail to call at Powers'

SHOE STORE
Bellefonte Pa.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.—Letters of Administration upon the estate of Wm. C. Love, dec'd, late of Potter twp., having been lawfully granted to the undersigned they would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

MRS. MARGARET LOVE
J. S. HOUSEMAN,
Administrators.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration upon the estate of John D. Lingle, deceased, late of Potter twp., having been lawfully granted to the undersigned they would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

WM. AUMAN,
Spring Mills, Adm'r.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre Co. there will be exposed at Public Sale, at Centre Hall, the following described real estate of JOHN LOVE, dec'd, on

——TUESDAY JAN'Y 24.——

At one o'clock

::——A FINE FARM——::

situate in Potter Twp., being his Mansion Farm, bounded by lands of Michael Spyker, John Stover, James Runkle, Boal's heirs, Oliver Love and others, containing about 160 acres. Thereon erected a large 2 story house, barn and outbuildings. The farm is under good cultivation, has an abundance of Fruit and Good Water.

TERMS:—A sum equal to the costs in the proceedings in partition and expenses of sale, in hand, when the property is knocked down; one-third of the residue cash upon confirmation of sale; one-third in one year thereafter with interest and the remaining one-third at the death of Elizabeth Love, the widow of said decedent, with interest thereon to be paid her annually during the term of her natural life; said last two payments to be secured by Bond and Mortgage on the premises,

JAMES C. BOAL,
Trustee Appointed by Court.

VALUABLE PROPERTY

AT PRIVATE SALE!

The undersigned offers a valuable property a private sale at

OAK HALL STATION, PA.

The building is a large two story frame structure erected for a

HOTEL STAND AND STORE ROOM

at one of the most prominent business centers in Penns valley. The lot contains ½ acre of land in high state of cultivation. Thereon erected a

GOOD STABLE, LARGE WARE ROOM FOR STORE, ICE HOUSE

and all necessary out buildings—all new and in first class condition. A stream of spring water at the door. A fine lot of fruit trees on the lot.

——STORE GOODS——

Also a complete stock of

O——GENERAL MERCHANDISE——O

Embracing a full line of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, CROCKERY, NOTIONS BOOTS and SHOES and other articles will be sold as a whole or in parts. The stock is complete.

The property is offered along with store goods or store goods will be sold separate and building offered at rent. This is a splendid location and will be offered at a bargain. For futher particulars address H. P. KORMAN,
Oak Hall Station.

WM. GOHEEN,

AUCTIONEER,
Boalsburg, Pa

Is prepared to cry sales. He has been successful in the past and offers his services to the public. tf.

CALVIN F. SOLT,

O——)Merchant Tailor(——O
Centre Hall, Pa.

I hereby announce to the public that I have opened a Merchant Tailoring establishment in

O——)SHIRK'S BUILDING(——O

at Centre Hall, and am prepared to attend to all work pertaining to my line of business. Having taken a complete course in cutting, I feel confident that my work will give satisfaction. A good fit guaranteed in every case. Give me a call and examine my work. tf.

FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., OF CENTRE CO: PA.

The annual meeting of the members and the election of 12 Directors to manage the affairs of the company for the ensuing year, will be held at the house of D. J. Meyer, at Centre Hall, on Monday, January 9, 1888, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. of said day. Members are generally requested to attend.

Centre Hall, Pa., Dec. 15, 1887. FRED KURTZ, PREST.
D. F. Luse, Sec.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, Jan. Term 1888. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to Hon. A. O. Furst, President judge of said Court, on Monday the 23rd day of Jan. 1888, under an act of assembly of the Commonwealth of Penna entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain coporations" approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Centre Hall Cornet Band" the character and object whereof is to promote and cultivate the science of music and practicing and performing instrumental music and for these purposes to have posses and enjoy all the rights benefits and privilegs of the said act of assembly and its supplements.

J. C. MEYER,
Solicitor

GRAIN.

REPORTED WEEKLY BY KURTZ & SON.

Prices subject to fluctuations of market.

Wheat, red	$ 80	Oats	$ 28
Wheat, white	75	Rye	48
Corn, shelled	45	Barley, No 1	50

Barley No. 2, mixed with oats, bought at oats weight and price.

Wheat mixed with Rye bought at rye weigh and price.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Fancy Pat. Flour	1 45	Bran per ton	16 00
Best Roller Flour	1 35	Bran, retail, cwt.	90
2d Best Roll'r Flour	1 25	Chop per ton	22 00
Middlings per ton	19 00	" retail per cwt	1 25

COAL MARKET.

Broken	$5.00
Egg	5.50
Stove	5.75
Small Stove	5.75
Chestnut	5.50
Pea	3.50
Woodland	4.00
Soft	2.75

☞A discount on all above prices will be made for SPOT Cash,

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